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**WOODCOCK
ON
COLOGNE'S
PROBLEMS**

SHOOT! view!

THE long, hard process of trying to release football from the grip of brutality and anti-social behaviour is gaining momentum.

The Government, police, magistrates and football clubs have combined in a determined effort to destroy a cancer that has festered and threatened the game's future in this country.

Their efforts to restore sanity to football has warmed the hearts of all who share a genuine love of football and concern for its continued well-being.

The strongest possible course of action was necessary. Thankfully, the authorities of law and order associated with the game have not shirked their responsibilities.

It was *right* that Vince Hilaire should be banned for four matches and fined £500 for pushing referee Alf Grey to the ground in a game against Tottenham. He brought the game into disrepute and the F.A. made an example of the Crystal Palace player in their campaign to clean-up the game.

The F.A. were *right* to impose a four game away ban on Sheffield Wednesday's fans with terraces closed at home for the same duration, plus a ruling the club should pay £3,000 compensation to the clubs affected by the ban.

They were *right*, also, to ban Wednesday's Terry Curran for three matches after his dismissal at Oldham caused the season's worst crowd disturbance.

Punishment

Bert Millichip, chairman of the F.A. disciplinary commission, was *right* to suggest corporal punishment for soccer hooligans and shrewd to advocate the issue of identity discs to all football fans, a recommendation urged repeatedly by SHOOT.

Tony Douglas, vice-chairman of Cambridge United, is *right* to threaten to play next season's home fixture against Chelsea behind closed doors after disgraceful conduct by the London club's fans at Abbey Stadium.

Billy Bonds was *right* when he called those West Ham followers who caused trouble in Madrid during the Cup-Winners' Cup game "scum". The club's previously good reputation has been tarnished forever.

The European Football Association are to be commended for imposing a £7000 fine on West Ham with instructions they should play the return leg 186 miles from Upton Park.

Southampton were *right* to fine Charlie George a week's wages and suspend him for a week after an incident involving a photographer.

And so it goes on with football at last beginning to get its house in order.

The soccer authorities must continue to be brave and their punishments severe if the game is to survive as a spectator sport.

Soccer louts have had it too easy for too long.

If you can imagine Brian Clough (and, presumably, Peter Taylor) leaving Nottingham Forest to be replaced by a virtually unknown F.A. staff coach, you'll appreciate the problems Tony Woodcock is having in Cologne.

Earlier this year Hennes Weisweiler left the West German club to take over at the Cosmos. Herr Weisweiler was generally accepted as the best coach in Germany, even by fans of other clubs.

He was the man who fashioned Borussia Mönchengladbach during the 70's; BMG and Bayern Munich ruled German soccer and Borussia's success was no mean feat as Mönchengladbach is a small city with nothing like the pulling power of the big city clubs.

Weisweiler was with Borussia from 1964-1975. He had a stormy year in Barcelona before returning

to Germany and Cologne in 1976.

During those four years Cologne won the Bundesliga and German Cup double in 1978, plus another Cup victory.

Cologne are still the most successful club in the 17-year history of the Bundesliga, having won 678 points in their 570 League games up to the end of last season, 24 ahead of Bayern Munich.

When Weisweiler left, Cologne had a giant-sized headache. Who could follow The Greatest?

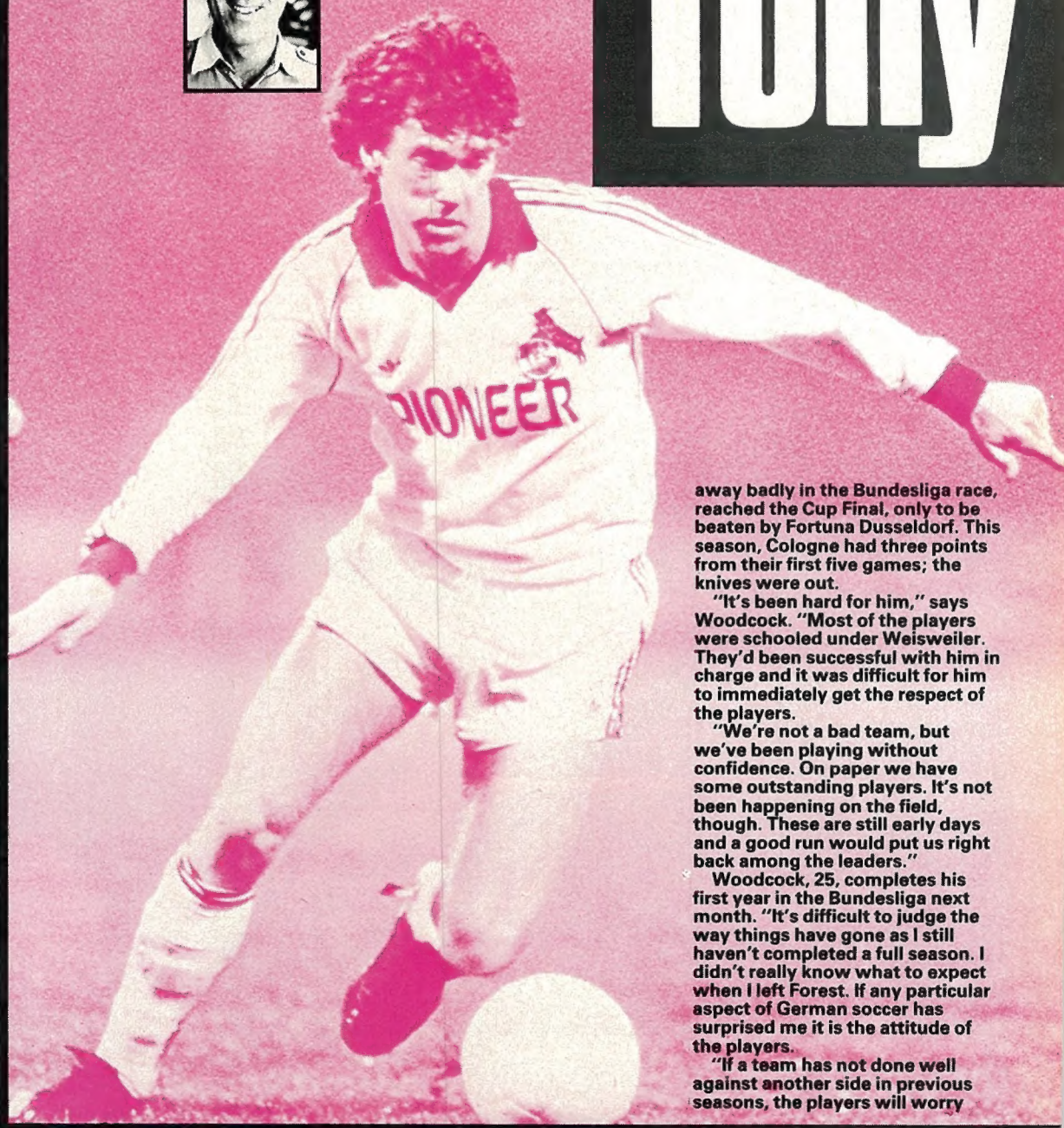
The man they chose was Karl-Heinz Hedergott, a 54-year-old coach who had worked for the West German F.A. for years. He had never been in charge of a Bundesliga club before, even though his coaching pedigree wasn't in doubt.

Hedergott took over towards the end of last season; Cologne fell



**CHRIS
DAVIES
MEETS...**

Tony



away badly in the Bundesliga race, reached the Cup Final, only to be beaten by Fortuna Dusseldorf. This season, Cologne had three points from their first five games; the knives were out.

"It's been hard for him," says Woodcock. "Most of the players were schooled under Weisweiler. They'd been successful with him in charge and it was difficult for him to immediately get the respect of the players."

"We're not a bad team, but we've been playing without confidence. On paper we have some outstanding players. It's not been happening on the field, though. These are still early days and a good run would put us right back among the leaders."

Woodcock, 25, completes his first year in the Bundesliga next month. "It's difficult to judge the way things have gone as I still haven't completed a full season. I didn't really know what to expect when I left Forest. If any particular aspect of German soccer has surprised me it is the attitude of the players."

"If a team has not done well against another side in previous seasons, the players will worry

'The Cologne players were used to success under Weisweiler'

about this. It'll pray on their minds, and away from home few teams think of going for a win.

"At Forest, we went out believing we could win every game. Mind you, we almost did that. We didn't lose a League game for a year at one time.

"In view of Germany's record of success, their approach to some games is strange."

Woodcock arrived in Germany as the country's most expensive player, costing £650,000. This, more than any comparison with Kevin Keegan, has put pressure on him.

exceptional player had he stayed with Liverpool. Perhaps not double European Footballer of the Year, but all the publicity surrounding his transfer helped there. Naturally I've been in the limelight a bit more, but it doesn't worry me."

Woodcock's form for England since his move has been inconsistent, rather like the entire team during 1980.

"I didn't have a particularly good European Championship, although only two or three of our players did. There was a thin line between success and failure. We played badly, yet could still have reached the Final if my disallowed goal against Belgium had stood."

No less a man than Argentina manager César Menotti said in SHOOT that he was appalled by the treatment dished out to Woodcock by Italy's Gentile. It's been said that Tony is too nice a



Woodcock

'I was a little surprised Schuster did so well in Italy'

"We have Monday off, but apart from that we train all day for the rest of the week. With Forest, because we were so successful and because of the heavy fixture list, we seldom trained because we played twice a week.

"I possibly feel fresher physically, but more tired mentally as I have to think about soccer all the time."

As the only Englishman in the Bundesliga, Woodcock hasn't found the secret of Germany's success yet.

"I honestly believe England can compete with them. As I said, there is little between winning and losing. The Germans were poor in their opening European Championship game, yet managed to beat the Czechs. They almost threw away a three-goal lead against Holland and the game against Greece was awful. They played well twice and won the competition."

The star of the tournament was young Bernd Schuster,



'It hasn't been easy for Hedergott to get the respect of the players'

"By English standards my fee is the equivalent of about £2 million. During my early games the Press worked out how much each pass had cost and the whole thing was getting out of hand.

"Because of my status I've been praised when things have gone well and criticised when we've lost. I haven't been conscious that as a foreigner I've had to play that much better to be accepted. My record fee has always been the main point."

Keegan became a world-class player in Hamburg and football being the game it is, fans will expect Woodcock to reach similar heights.

"Kevin would have become an

guy... that he should have more of the devil in him.

"Gentile started the game by kicking me whenever he could. I decided to show him that I could dish out some 'stick', too, and elbowed him a couple of times. What did he do? Complain to the ref, who came over to me and threatened to caution me or even send me off.

"There was this guy putting me on my back every five minutes yet I was the one in trouble. Ron Greenwood warned me not to get involved. I blame the referee for, not spotting the real offender — but what can you do?"

There has been a campaign in the German Press to clean up the Bundesliga this season.

"I'd say refs in England were better, generally speaking. The Korean player of Eintracht Frankfurt, Cha-Bum, was badly hurt during a game against Leverkusen.

"The tackle wasn't too bad, but Cha-Bum fell awkwardly and will be out for a while. The poor guy who did it had his life threatened and had police protection at training.

"I know that the first three times I receive the ball my marker will whack me. Just to let me know he's around. Mind you, it's no worse than in England... all part of the game."

One of the foreigners in the Football League once told me that when he's been booked for dissent he will know his English is good. Woodcock hasn't had that happen to him, although he says his German is improving all the time.

"The players don't speak English to me any more. I can understand most of what they say. When they

speak to me they obviously speak a little slower, but I know what's going on at team-talks.

"The trouble is, when they chat between themselves they often use the local Cologne dialect, which even other Germans can't understand!

"I'm still having lessons and my wife, Carol, goes to classes during the day. The only frustration is, for instance, I receive a letter in German and have to get out the dictionary when I don't know a word. Generally, things are okay though.

"Both of us are very happy in



Cologne. We've made a lot of new friends — the other Cologne players and their friends too. We're particularly friendly with Dieter Muller and his wife.

"I see more of Carol now than when I was with Forest. She used to work when we were in England, plus I have less midweek games here."

While Woodcock plays less, he feels he is more involved with football in Germany.

'Carol and I are very happy living in Cologne'

Woodcock's Cologne team-mate. "I was surprised he did so well. I knew he was a good player, but his progress wasn't expected."

Once, again, Champions Bayern Munich have been setting the pace in the Bundesliga.

"They're a good side... very good... they could win the European Cup this season. They're a team in every sense of the word."

"I believe we have the character to get back into the title race. A couple of good results would give us back our confidence."

"Cologne are expected to win things and I want to help them do just that."

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"DISASTER for Palace." "Venables facing crisis." Just two of the quotes which appeared in the Press after a home defeat by Ipswich dumped us at the foot of the First Division table.

It's true no one at Selhurst Park enjoys life at the bottom, but we aren't panicking either.

In fact, the calmest man at the club is the boss, Terry Venables. Not once has he given any indication that he's facing probably the biggest test of his managerial career. Or that he's going to rush out and buy new players to strengthen the side. As far as I know the boss is very satisfied with his present squad.

Just over a year ago The Eagles were perched proudly on top of the First Division to earn that "Team of the 80's" tag. Now people are tipping us for one of the three relegation spots. That's nonsense.

It's not easy pinpointing what's gone wrong with Palace. We've been playing well without getting the breaks.

For instance, had my goal against Coventry at Highfield Road been given, I'm sure we would draw, if not, won the game.

Controversy still rages about the incident which occurred when Palace were 2-1 down and fighting back.

In case you need reminding, I received the ball from a free-kick



MY SOCCER
WORLD
**Clive
Allen**

just outside the Coventry penalty-area and the ball slammed against the stanchion at the back of the net and rebounded back into play.

I knew I'd scored, so did Coventry goalkeeper Jim Blyth, most of the other players on the field, the two managers and most of the fans.

The only three people at Highfield Road who disagreed were the referee and his two linesmen.

I was flabbergasted, and naturally very annoyed at the decision.

The referee believed the ball had struck the woodwork and answered our protests with two simple words . . . "No goal."

I said: "Oh, come on, ref, it was a goal. Watch the game on T.V. tomorrow and you'll see for yourself."

'Match of the Day' cameras confirmed I'd scored.

Naturally referees can't give goals if they don't see them . . . and we have to abide by their decisions, but for all three officials to have missed so important a goal is incredible.

The incident affected Palace's

No need



Paul Barron, whose confidence has been affected in trying to succeed the popular John Burridge at Selhurst Park.



Colin Garwood, Terry Curran, Clive Allen and Phil Boyer — the top scorers in the four Divisions last season with their Adidas awards.

It was difficult for Paul to take over from Selhurst Park hero John Burridge. "Budgie" is loved by the fans here and they almost resented Paul coming into the side.

Paul senses this every home match, and the atmosphere has contributed to his loss of confidence.

From what I saw of Paul during my brief spell at Highbury there's no doubt in my mind he will emerge as one of the top 'keepers in the country.

Paul is as determined as anyone to do well for the club and its supporters. If only they would appreciate him more, give him some cheers instead of jeers.

This Saturday (October 4th) Palace are at home to West Brom, another side not enjoying the best of starts.

I've never played against them before, but with talent such as Derek Statham, Bryan Robson, Cyrille Regis, Peter Barnes and Tony Godden in the team they're never easy to beat.

Having said that, though, I must take Palace to win and climb the table.

Before I end this week I thought you'd like to know I've already won an award ... the Adidas Golden Shoe.

The four top League goalscorers from last season, Phil Boyer (Southampton 23 goals), myself (Q.P.R. 28

for Palace to panic

concentration and confidence and soon after we let in a third goal which finished us off.

Palace suffered heavily for that wrong decision. Some people believe we should have forgotten all about it and kept on playing, but after picking ourselves off the floor it was hard to recover from another hefty kick in the teeth directly after.

At the end of the game Jim Blyth and Gerry Daly walked over to me and confirmed it had been a goal good enough to have won an award.

Some people think they should have owned up at the time, but it is easy to say that. I honestly don't know if I'd have stepped forward in similar circumstances.

Terry Venables has suggested re-designing the stanchions, making them nylon to absorb the impact of the ball. Surely clubs can take them away altogether and support the goal nets in some other way.

Palace can't blame that Coventry result for all our problems, though. We've made individual errors which have been punished, suffered several injuries to key players such as Paul Hinshelwood and Peter Nicholas and not had any luck at all. Especially Mike Flanagan.

My strike partner has had several goal-worthy shots hit woodwork and 'keepers' legs.

The team has changed a bit since the end of last season. Palace have sold Kenny Sansom and bought Paul Barron, which has virtually meant reorganising our defence.

After enjoying a settled side for a couple of seasons you can't expect players to adjust to changes overnight.

Despite our record this season I've been quite pleased with my own performances. Perhaps I haven't played as well as I can, but at least I've scored a few goals which has taken some of the pressure off me.

But crisis? Disaster? No way, especially when you consider the number of youngsters Palace have brought on this year.

Terry Fenwick, switched from midfield to left-back to fill Kenny Sansom's position, has done ever so well.

He deserved his early England Under-21 call-up when he joined me, Vince Hilaire and Billy Gilbert for the recent international against Norway.

Injuries to Jerry Murphy and Ian Walsh have given Neil Smillie the chance to prove what a fine prospect he is.

An attacking midfield player, Neil gives the side extra width and aggression. Playing in the number seven shirt he provides good crosses and is very sharp in the box.

Tony Sealy is on the threshold of the first team. At the moment Terry Venables is using him as a substitute, bringing him on for the last 20 minutes or so. Tony sets Palace alight with his pace and enthusiasm. He's quick, direct and able to change the direction of the play completely.



The goal that never was. Clive's shot against Coventry rebounds from the stanchion.

Our 20-year-old Welsh Youth international Steve Lovell made his League debut at right-back at Wolves on August 20th.

Steve can also play in midfield, like his dad who was with Swansea and Stockport County.

Apart from his football skills, Steve is a ten handicap golfer, a good tennis and squash player. I must challenge him for a game sometime.

Midfielder Shaun Brooks, featured in SHOOT recently, is another tremendous Palace prospect.

The boss has already said this brilliant England schoolboy international could make his breakthrough this season. If he does, Shaun won't let Palace down.

Nor has Paul Barron, the 'keeper Palace signed from Arsenal along with me.

goals), Terry Curran (Sheffield Wednesday 22 goals) and Colin Garwood (Aldershot 27 goals) received our super trophies at a lunch given by Adidas in London recently.

Notice anything about those scores? They all add up to 100. Now there's a target for Mike Flanagan and I this season.

See you next time . . .

It's turned more defenders than Kevin Keegan



...outstrips the field

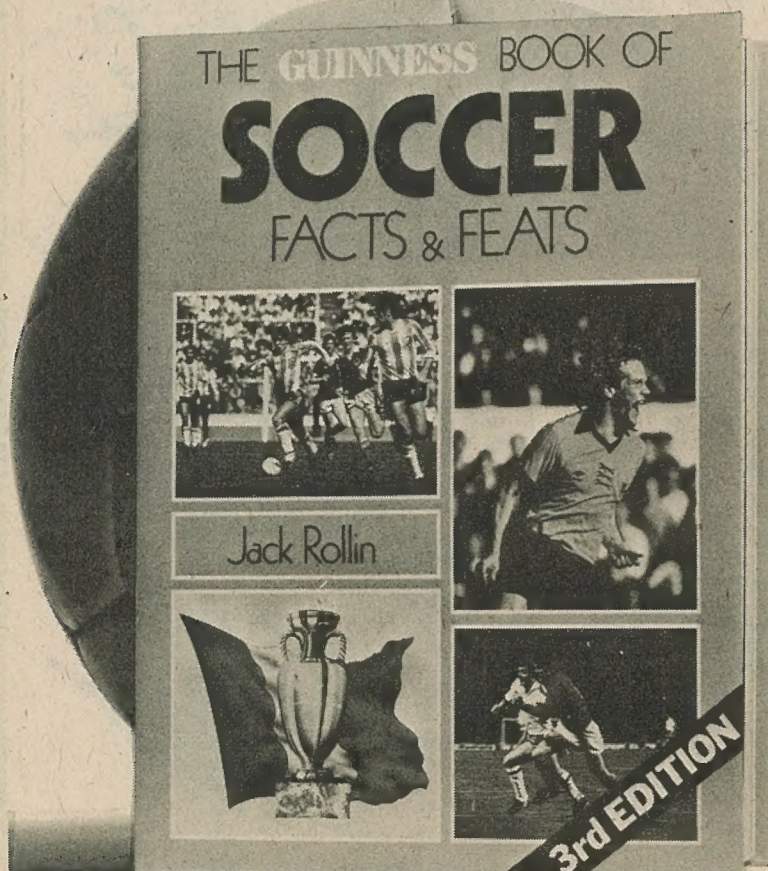
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John Hollins

—ARSENAL'S HANDYMAN

JOHN Hollins was so convinced he would be coming to the end of the footballing road by the time he was 35 he made arrangements to draw a pension at that age!

Thinking well in advance, Hollins made sure he would have a little nest egg to fall back on to cushion the blow of retirement.

That pension is due next July — when Hollins reaches the 35-year milestone. But the way things are going for him at the moment it is going to be quite some time before he needs to fall back on it.

For, unless there is a dramatic decline in his form or physical condition, Hollins seems a certainty to be playing in the First Division with Arsenal.

The Gunners paid Hollins the highest compliment any 'veteran' can receive when they signed him from Queens Park Rangers for £75,000 in the summer of 1979.

And they were not alone in chasing a player then reaching the ripe old age of 33. Luton and Norwich also wanted him and John had talks with both clubs before being swayed by the greater tradition and glamour of Arsenal.

On the face of it, he signed just to become a member of an already formidable looking squad. There seemed little chance of him holding down a regular first team spot.

But he proved that age is no barrier if the ability is there and played a big part in Arsenal's achievements last season.

And this one has started off even better for him. For, with Liam Brady now in Italy, John has a specific role to play.

He sits in just behind the midfield men, doing a 'holding' job and leaving younger legs like Brian Talbot's to get into more forward positions.

He has also succeeded Brady as the club's penalty-taker, and has scored some very useful goals for Arsenal this season.

Hollins has gained a tremendous amount of experience after 17 years in top class football. And it is coming in very handy for The Gunners right now.

Any thoughts of Hollins being there 'just in case he is needed' are well and truly off the mark. He is in the team on merit — and Arsenal are a better side when he is around.

"I sometimes have to pinch myself to make sure all that's happening for me is really true. Things are going so well it frightens me," Hollins says.

"Most managers are looking to replace players by the time they reach 30. Yet here is one of the greatest clubs in the world — Arsenal — coming in to buy me when I'm way past that.

"There could be no bigger boost than that for any player, and I hope I'm repaying them now for the confidence they showed in me.

"I made arrangements to collect a pension at 35 during my days at Chelsea. Things were not going too well there at the time and I really did not think I would be around in the game by the time I reached 35.

"It's beginning to look as though I might prove myself wrong. But I have been around long enough to learn never to take anything for granted.

'Future'

"I don't make any long term plans, or look too far into the future. In fact, all I do is play from game to game.

"One of the most vital lessons I have learned is how to pace myself. I don't dash around like a lunatic any more. I conserve my energies for the time they are needed most.

"But one thing that has not diminished in any way is my appetite for the game. I'm still as enthusiastic now as I was when I was 17.

"And I'm lucky with my build. I don't have any weight problems and have scaled around 11st 5lbs for the last ten years.

"Arsenal manager Terry Neill and coach Don Howe seem quite satisfied with the way I am playing at the moment.

"They are two straightforward fellows who don't mess about and if the time ever came when they thought I should call it a day I'm sure they would not hesitate to tell me.

"But I'm my own sternest critic — so I don't think it would have to come to that. I think I would know in my own mind when it was time to quit."



Arsenal fans are hoping that that day is a long way off yet. For they, too, recognise the tremendous job Hollins is doing for the club.

In an age when too many footballers are interested only in what they can get out of the game, Hollins' approach is like a breath of fresh air.

He gets on with the job quietly, without fuss — but, above all, thoroughly. And that's the way he has done things since he first joined Chelsea as a raw 15-year-old schoolboy.

Tommy Docherty gave him his debut for the Stamford Bridge club in a League Cup tie against Swindon, when he was still only 16.

By the time he was 17 he had a

regular place in the side and shared in the greatest chapter in Chelsea's history — helping them win the F.A. Cup in 1970 and the European Cup-Winners' Cup a year later.

Dave Sexton was in charge of Chelsea by this time, and when he moved on to take charge at Queens Park Rangers one of the first players he signed was ... John Hollins.

He gave Rangers the same loyal, 100 per cent service, and is now doing the same for Arsenal.

John is a credit to his profession and deserves everything he gets out of it. We just wish there were a few more like him in a game where the image is in need of a boost.

BOHEMIANS 24-year-old record for the biggest win (11-0) in the Leinster Senior Cup was surpassed this year when CYM beat New Ross Celtic 13-0 in a Preliminary Round. Ironically CYM were later to lose to Bohemians in the First Round!

T'other Kennedy

KEITH Kennedy was at Newcastle for four years, but had to sign for Bury before getting the chance to play a first team match at St James' Park.

Kennedy, a left-back like his famous brother Alan, spent most of his Newcastle career in the reserves.

His only first team game was at Nottingham Forest. Then, with Bury drawn against Newcastle in the League Cup, came the chance he had been waiting for.

"I've always wanted to get the chance to play at Newcastle again. It was a great night for me with all my family and friends watching."

Bolton's greenfingers

POPULAR Watford defender Ian Bolton has a hobby that may surprise Vicarage Road fans: gardening.

The big but amiable defender says he enjoys the outdoor work as a means of relaxation away from the pressures of the game.

Last season 26-year-old Ian won the Watford Player of the Year award and he said it gave him special pleasure. "It's easy to play well when the team is winning, but to be consistent when the side struggled gave me much pleasure."

Away from football and his garden Ian says he likes to simply relax a lot and plays a terrible round of golf.

'Don't drop me'

pleads Dave Watson

DAVE Watson has hit back at the critics who say his England place is in jeopardy. The 33-year-old Southampton and England centre-half has been under fire this season, especially after Saints' 7-1 defeat at Watford and a less-than-convincing display by Watson against Norway.

He says: "I plan to have a chat with Ron Greenwood soon in view of what's happened. I hope I still figure in his plans for the 1982 World Cup Finals. What I don't want is to pick up a paper one day and find I've been dropped."

"I'm confident that I can do a good job for another couple of years. I'm as fit as ever and playing for England still means as much to me as ever. I dearly want to play in Spain after the disappointment of Italy this summer."

"I won't accept that I'm finished. Of course, I can't go on forever. At the same time, though, young central defenders have been a bit short on the ground."

Greenwood will no doubt stay loyal to Watson, as he has to other players during his three-year reign as England manager.



One intriguing possibility is that Phil Thompson will move from his new role as sweeper to centre-half, with West Brom's Bryan Robson coming in for Watson as sweeper.

QUOTE from Johnny Giles, the Shamrock Rovers boss, on the state of football in the Republic of Ireland. "I don't think there has been any great progress in the League of Ireland in terms of facilities and everything else over the last 25 years. Things have remained pretty much the same and while some pitches have improved they are nowhere near the standards needed to compete with the rest of European Football."

THE opening of a second AstroTurf pitch means that the London Borough of Islington has the largest expanse of synthetic turf on one site in the world.

England manager Ron Greenwood officially opened the site and was all for the venture.

He said: "It encourages good ball skills in perfect conditions. It also gives the kids a chance to channel their enthusiasm."

Record deal ...at £5,000



IN these days of the million pound transfer deals, it is interesting to note that Brechin City paid out a record fee for the club of £5,000 for goalkeeper Derek Neilson, of Dundee United.

"He is a very good goalkeeper," said Brechin manager Doug Houston. "I am delighted that the committee authorised the transfer without hesitation. To some clubs it may not be a large sum, but it is still big as far as Brechin are concerned."

Joe Mercer's warning



JOE Mercer, the former England and Arsenal captain, who is now a director at Coventry City feels that part of the present day trouble is the ever widening gulf which exists between the players and supporters.

He points out that in his playing days the players would often travel on the same train as their fans and talk soccer all the way.

The high wages, which are out of all proportion to those earned on the factory floor, is also beginning to cause a great deal of animosity.

Social changes, however, have brought about the problems which currently prevail but Mercer is convinced in his own mind that the clubs can still play their part in creating a much better atmosphere off the field.

He remembers those games which regularly attracted gates of 50,000 plus and there was never any trouble. Perhaps the reason is that memories of trouble and strife of the Second World War were still very fresh in the minds of everyone.



TWO JOHNNYS

GLENTORAN'S £10,000 capture of unsettled Linfield midfielder Johnny Jameson created a mini-nightmare for Northern Ireland's television and radio commentators.

The Ovalites already had near-veteran Irish international Johnny Jamison on their books and now have two first teamers with similar-sounding names. "Apart from the spelling there is one big difference," quips the new Glensman. "You see, my full Christian names are John Charles. As you've probably guessed I was called after the famous Leeds and Wales idol."

Goalie told to HEAD goals

MOTHERWELL goalkeeper Hugh Sproat has received surprise tactical instructions from his manager Ally MacLeod.

"If we need a late winning goal, go up and head one," said the former Scotland manager.

Says Ally: "I've watched Hugh in training and can see he is as good in the air with his head as he is with his hands."

"There is no reason why he shouldn't go up and help the attack at corner-kicks, especially if we're desperate for a goal."

Morton's capture



FOR a fee of around £8,000, Morton consider they have obtained a bargain in signing Dundee United's striker Ian Cochrane.

The transfer fee is equivalent to that paid out by the Tannadice club when they signed Cochrane from Preston North End last March.

With United, he was used as a sub on several occasions, but never made the first team.

Aged 21, Ian is delighted with his move to Morton. He is keen to make his mark in the Premier Division.

Greenwood tips award winner Shaw

GARY Shaw, Aston Villa's 17-year-old striker, is the Robinson's Barley Water 'Young Player of the Month', named by a panel comprising Stan Cullis, Bill Shankly, Jackie Milburn, Bobby Collins, Bill Nicholson and Jimmy Scouler and chaired by England team manager Ron Greenwood.

Shaw's award is an inscribed salver worth £100 and a cheque for £250 to his nominated charity.

The other area nominations were: North East — Craig Johnston, Middlesbrough; North West — Ray Ranson, Manchester City; Yorkshire — John Lukic, Leeds Utd.; London & South — Clive Allen, Crystal Palace; and Wales and West — Martin Thomas, Bristol Rovers.

Shaw follows in the footsteps of club-mate Gordon Cowans who won this award in January and was named Robinson's Barley Water 'Young Player of the Year' by this panel.

Said Ron Greenwood: "If Gary retains his current form I think he'll start figuring shortly in our Under-21 squad."

Speedy Bukta

A FIRE at the Eastville Stadium of Bristol Rovers caused £1m damage and destroyed the playing kit.

Fast work by Bukta, the sportswear manufacturers, enabled them to meet a mid-week fixture with Q.P.R in their away strip.

By the time the Saturday match with Bristol City came, Bukta had also put in a crash action programme at Bukta House, Stockport, to have a full range of strip and tracksuits ready.

MIKE FLANAGAN/SUBBUTEO COMPETITION

We ran a competition offering Subbuteo Astropitches as prizes in July. Readers were asked to answer three questions about Crystal Palace's Mike Flanagan. Answers were: 1-85; 2-Andy Nelson; 3-West Germany, and the first 25 correct entries checked after the closing date came from:

Christopher Allen, Wirral; John Bates, Solihull; Lee Bradley, Barking; David Butler, Gillingham; Tim Carter, St. Heller; Alan Colclough, Tamworth; Mark David Frith, Hull; Peter Garrod, Barking; Mark Golding, Ryde; Michael Graham, Penrith; Alex Hayes, London, S.E.2; Steven Higgins, Truro; Robert Hindle, Chatham; Deborah Mattison, Nuneaton; Mark Nassarv, Middlesbrough; Andy Parker, Milton Keynes; Andrew Atuaga, Upminster; Robert Sawyer, Leamington Spa; Shane Smythe, Sheffield; William Strudwick, Chertsey; Richard Vernon, Chester; John Walker, Middlesbrough; Richard Whitehall, Coventry; Michael Williams, London W.14; Andrew Greenfield, Boston.

NIKE SOCCER SHOES COMPETITION RESULT

In an August issue 25 pairs of Nike training shoes were offered as prizes. Readers had to answer three questions about a pictured football player. Answers were: 1-Alan Hudson; 2-Arsenal; 3-Stoke City. The first 25 correct entries checked after the closing date came from:

Patrick Blissett, Manchester; Steve Bowen, Nottingham; Julian Chambers, Bicester; Neil Coles, Bedford; Timothy Cree, Brierley Hill; Patrick Egan, Maldon; Mark Farley, Deal; Michael Fielden, Bolton; Steven Gray, Chester-le-Street; Simon Hill, Warrington; Gary Horsman, Bristol; Paul Jacobs, Oxford; Clive Jowett, Witney; Julian Lane, Shaftesbury; Nicholas Monahan, Bristol; Stephen Parry, Cheltenham; David Ridgley, Chinnor; Tim Smallshaw, Melksham; A. Tagaglia, Cheltenham; Lynne Thomas, Sheffield; Mark Thorne, Bristol; Jason Thorpe, Bury St. Edmunds; Steven Turner, Carterton; Mark Williams, Upminster; Allan Woodcock, Rotherham.

WINNERS OF WORLD SOCCER ENCYCLOPAEDIAS

We asked three questions about World soccer. The answers were: 1-Uruguay; 2-Colombia; 3-Real Madrid.

Senders of the first six correct entries checked after the closing date were John Crofts, of Penrith; Gary Dudman, Midhurst; Kevin Johnson, West Bromwich; Irfan Malik, Nottingham; John Robb, Birmingham; and David Simpson, Glasgow. Each wins an Encyclopaedia which contains a mine of facts and figures, published in the U.S.A.

THE publication of WITH CLOUGH by Taylor (£5.95), the inside story of England's most famous football management team, led to a storm of controversy in the media with headlines proclaiming a rift in the partnership. My information is they remain the best of friends.

A trio of toffs



PETER Barnes is all style for West Bromwich Albion, so it came as no surprise when he turned his wedding to Alison Garrathy into one of soccer's swishest occasions. Morning suits for Peter (left) and his best man Paul Fletcher, the Oldham star, and top hats for all three at the celebrations after the wedding near Warrington.

Bone shaker

JIM BONE has been given a new role by St. Mirren — as the club's jester.

The star striker was not eligible to play for the Love Street club in their first ever game in European competition against Elfsborg, Sweden, but was drafted into the party to keep the players happy with his humorous banter.

"We had a lot of young lads in the party and my job was to boost morale, chat to them when they were worried. I'm one of the 'kidders' who can keep the fun going."

Because of a technicality, Bone wasn't registered with the SFA when the UEFA deadline passed on August 15. At that time he was playing for Toronto Blizzard in the North American League.



Here we go again

BOBBY Robson, Ipswich Town's manager, nurses the first Bell's Manager of the Month award of the season.

Robson wins a cheque for £250 (the sum has been boosted from the previous £100). It is Robson's sixth Bell's award in the past ten years.

BLACKPOOL'S Colin Morris is attracting the attention of First Division clubs after some stirring performances in the early games of the season.

Nottingham Forest's assistant manager Peter Taylor watched Morris in the game against Kilmarnock.

Former Everton manager Harry Catterick, another spectator at the game, was impressed with Blackpool's Dave Hockaday.

Wealthy Pompey

PORTSMOUTH'S bank balance is booming.

Promotion and the added attraction of Third Division football has kept the commercial side bubbling. Early season gates at Fratton Park averaged 15,000.

Commercial manager Les Allen said: "While plenty of other clubs' lotteries are falling away, we're still maintaining ours."

Pompey's two lotteries, one weekly, the other fortnightly, bring in an estimated £20,000 a month.



SPOT the odd man out. Two are international footballers, the other a world class athlete. From the left: Graham Rix, of Arsenal and England, Sebastian Coe, Olympic 1500 metres gold medallist, Eric Gates, of Ipswich and England. They teamed-up at England's training camp before the game against Norway.

Help!

SOCCER historian Bryan Horsnell wants some help in researching nine clubs that lost their Football League status between the First and Second World Wars.

He wonders whether SHOOT readers had team or individual photographs, programmes or handbooks connected with Aberdare (1921-27), Ashington (1921-29), Durham City (1921-28), Gillingham (1920-38), Merthyr Town (1920-30), Nelson (1921-31), Stalybridge Celtic (1921-23), Thames (1930-32), and Wigan Borough (1921-31).

"I would be pleased to purchase or borrow to aid my research," says Mr Horsnell, who lives at 275, Overdown Road, Tilehurst, Reading RG3 6NX.

LITTLE has gone right for Paul Gilchrist since he played for Southampton against Manchester United in the 1976 F.A. Cup Final.

The player whose Semi-Final goal against Crystal Palace at Chelsea sent Saints to Wembley is fighting a lonely battle to save his career.

Gilchrist was discarded by Saints in the season following their Cup triumph and moved to Portsmouth. It didn't work out and neither did his subsequent move to Swindon.

Last March he moved to Hereford where he impressed in his first dozen games. But fate was unkind again to Gilly, who tore knee ligaments against Wolves in a pre-season friendly.

Gilchrist's leg is still in plaster — and his future in serious jeopardy.

Briefly...

● Raith Rovers are travelling in style these days. They have the comfort of a new 38-seater luxury coach, complete with TV. The bus cost £40,000.

● The failure of Ian Edwards to score for Wrexham at Chelsea on the first day of the season, ended the best personal sequence. Edwards, during his days with Chester, of course, had scored on the first day of all the previous three seasons.

● Long-serving Ards' pivot Davy McCoy, now in his 16th term at Castlereagh Park, recently surpassed club boss Billy Nixon's own 500-game appearance total for the North Down outfit.

● Kelham O'Hanlon, the 18-year-old Middlesbrough goalkeeper, is an all-rounder. A former Middlesbrough and Cleveland schoolboy soccer player, he has played Cleveland county cricket and also captained the Town team. He also plays cricket for Marton. Kelham also plays badminton, golf and tennis

and enjoys swimming and motor sport.

● David Cross scored his 50th goal for West Ham in their recent 3-0 home win over Shrewsbury.

● John Devine was bitterly disappointed when he was left out of the Euro team that beat Holland in the World Cup qualifier last month. But, some consolation for the Arsenal right-back was the news that his girl-friend was named Miss Ireland.

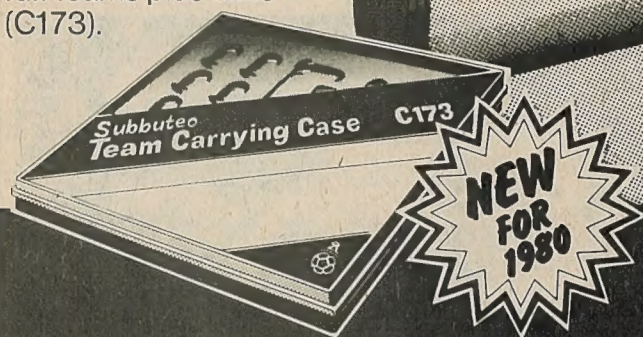
● Unfortunately, no colour pictures were available from Sweden/Scotland for this issue.

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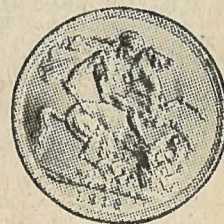
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BILLY WRIGHT

STOCKY. Fair-haired Billy Wright had one of the most remarkably consistent playing careers in the game's history, and was always a model professional. Developed from the age of 14 as one of Major Frank Eustley's "babies" at Wolverhampton, his early career as a professional was swallowed up by the War, and his extensive career with that club and with England really began in 1946. By that time his talents had already been acknowledged and he played in four Victory Internationals. However, from the day of his peace-time international debut against Northern Ireland in September, 1946 Billy Wright employed a run of 35 consecutive England games, and after missing three of the next five, there followed another run of 32 consecutive games! His total of 168 was a record until it was first beaten by Bobby Charlton and then Bobby Moore. During his career Wright switched from wing-half to centre-half. An outstanding captain he led Wolves last year to England! through the club's greatest period, winning three League trophies in the 1960's and an F.A. Cup winners' medal in 1949.



JIMMY ARMFIELD

AMFIELD the sonnet of the roading full-backs, Jimmy Armfield developed his speed as a rugby loose-quarter. It was not until he was 17 years that he began to play more soccer than rugby and was given a chance with Blackpool as an outside-right. Season 1965-66 saw him as Blackpool's regular right back, and it was in this position that he became recognised as the best in the world, expanding both wide and country and totalling 43 England appearances between 1969 and 1984. One of soccer's connoisseurs, he remained loyal to Blackpool throughout his playing career, totalling 643 League appearances for 1111 goals. He moved into the managerial sphere first at Bolton Wanderers, and later at Leeds. Jimmy Armfield won world wide acclaim for his performances in the 1982 World Cup in Chile, being especially noted for his concentration, quick recovery and wonderful positional sense.





PROLIFIC goalscoring centre-forward noted for his tremendous heading ability. Born in Holywell, Flint, Ron Davies started his long and distinguished career with local club Chester in 1959. His eye for goals soon brought him to the attention of talent scouts around the country, and after a brief spell at Luton Town he moved on to Norwich City. While at Carrow Road, Davies gained his first full international cap for Wales, against Northern Ireland at Swansea in April, 1964. Despite scoring on that debut, he could not prevent his country from a 3-2 defeat. Two years after that first game for Wales, Davies was on the transfer trail again, this time to the scene of his greatest triumphs — Southampton. In his seven years at The Dell he helped to establish the club at the top, and struck up a tremendous goalscoring partnership with Terry Paine. Ron Davies scored more than 200 Football League goals in his career, which also saw service with Portsmouth and Manchester United. He gained 29 full caps for Wales, scoring eight goals.



PAT RICE

BELFAST-born full-back who has made 49 appearances for Northern Ireland, many of those games as captain. Rice's entire career has been spent with one club — Arsenal — and during his time at Highbury he has won practically every top honour the game has to offer. The only regular member of the 1970-71 'double' side still at Highbury, Rice has the unique distinction of being the only player to captain a team in three successive F.A. Cup Finals. Although Pat has been unable to command a regular first team place at Arsenal in 1980-81, he had nevertheless chalked up 395 League appearances for the club up to the start of the season. Rice's full international debut for Northern Ireland came in a 3-2 victory away to Israel in September, 1968, since when he has become a permanent fixture in the emerald green shirt. Partnered for the majority of his career at both club and international level by fellow full-back Sammy Nelson, Rice has gained two F.A. Cup winners' medals, a League Champions' medal and was also a member of the Arsenal team which gained success in the 1968-70 European Fair Cup. Now approaching the twilight of his career, Pat Rice will long be remembered by Arsenal fans as one of the most consistent and dependable right-backs to have ever played for the club.



DARK, thick-set with a heavy moustache, Roberto Rivellino is the supreme example of the super-skilled Brazilian. He could use his magic left foot with the power of a bazooka or the touch and delicacy of a hand. He was particularly dangerous at free-kick situations. Born on New Year's Day, 1946, he rose to fame in Brazil as an 18-year-old number ten with Corinthians of São Paulo, and reached the peak of his international fame in the all-time great Brazil team that won the 1970 World Cup by beating Italy 4-1 in the Final in Mexico, signalling his three goals in the tournament with that characteristic fists-clenched run of sheer jubilation. But Rivellino's genius was that of a sensitive, nervous man. Feeling penned-in as the idol at Corinthians, he moved to Fluminense. And even though he retained his individual magic, he felt uneasy and unable to express himself in Brazil's disappointing 1974 in West Germany and 1978 in Argentina. World Cup Finals. At 32 he finally emigrated to the petrodollars of Saudi Arabia.

ROBERTO RIVELINO

NOBBY STILES

CURRENTLY the manager of Second Division Preston North End, Nobby Stiles will be best remembered for his tremendous contribution to England's World Cup Final victory in 1966 at Wembley. A traditional wing-half, Nobby was signed by Manchester United in 1957 straight from school after gaining Lancashire and England Schoolboy caps. Progressed to the England Youth team, and after making his League debut in 1960 at the age of 18 he went on to represent the England Under 23 team. In 1965 he helped United to the League Championship in what was his first full season as a United regular, and that same year won his first full England cap against Spain. He went on to win 28 caps, but was probably the most controversial English player with foreign opposition. He was labelled as Alf Ramsey's hatchet man, but such a tag disguised Stiles' marvellous contribution to the England team in the centre of the park. Further League Championship success followed in 1967, and a European Cup winners' medal was added to his collection a year later. In 1971 Stiles was sold to Middlesbrough for just £20,000, and from there he joined his old friend Bobby Charlton at Preston.



THIS Irishman was not only one of the most commanding half-backs of the post-War era but one of the outstanding captains in the game's history. Barnsley introduced him to the Football League from Glentoran in 1949 and he moved to Aston Villa in 1951. It was, however, with Tottenham Hotspur, whom he joined in 1954, that he reached his peak, being twice voted Footballer of the Year — in 1958 when he captained Ireland into the Quarter-Finals of the World Cup, and in 1961 when he led Spurs to the League and Cup "double". As an attacking right-half he was immaculate both in play and appearance. A 'brainy' footballer he was capped 56 times by Northern Ireland (including a run of 41 consecutive internationals) and also played for Great Britain v Rest of Europe. He made 553 League appearances 1949-64. The part-time manager of Northern Ireland, he eventually relinquished his position due to his full-time commitments as boss of trouble-torn Chelsea. But Danny's stay at Stamford Bridge was not a particularly happy one, and after less than a year in charge he resigned midway through last season.

DANNY BLANCHFLOWER



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WEST GERMANY

GRACED by such stars as the majestic Franz Beckenbauer and goalscoring opportunist Gerd Muller, West Germany were at the height of their power in the early 1970's. European Champions in 1972 when they beat Russia 3-0 and World Cup winners in 1974 they were noted for their superb technique, midfield power and ability to penetrate tight defences using speedy wingers. The heart of the international side that lost only six out of 41 games from 1971 to 1974 was the Bayern Munich team which won the European Cup three years in succession 1974-75-76. No less than six players from that club were in the national team that won the World Cup on their home ground in 1974. Although not at their brilliant best in that competition they were still too good in the Final for a Dutch side that had previously been undefeated in the tournament. The Germans showed their competitiveness by recovering from the shock of being a goal down with a first minute penalty to win 2-1.

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HARTFORD HOPES EVERTON PROVE HIM WRONG

DESPITE recent reports of an 'Everton revival', the star of the Goodison show is adamant that his team are unlikely to win any major honours this season.

Asa Hartford, the Scottish mid-field player currently picking up 'Man of the Match' plaudits almost at will, says: "I have to be realistic and say we are not good enough to win the Championship.

"I would love to be proved wrong, but I don't think it is on. But you don't have to be such a good side to win one of the Cups. Luck plays a crucial part here.

"We should have reached last season's F.A. Cup Final and we were a bad side who had luck on our side in getting a number of favourable home draws. We could do well again, but then so could a number of other teams."

But don't be fooled by this seemingly pessimistic appraisal of his team's prospects for the season. For Asa Hartford is as encouraged as anybody by his team's form.

"We have enjoyed some good results, and I think a lot of people have been surprised by what they have seen of us. We have played well, and the important thing is that we have developed a good understanding within the team," Hartford continues.

'Individuals'

"Our performances have been a lot more compact, and we no longer rely on a couple of individuals playing well one day and somebody else turning it on the next.

"Instead of the long aimless ball forward, we are now building our attacks from the back through the midfield. It certainly suits my style, and I feel that I have been playing a lot better because of it."

People may think that Hartford's renaissance is due entirely to the urge to prove Everton's critics wrong, but the only motivation he needs comes every time Scotland manager Jock Stein omits him from his international squad.

"During the summer I decided to make a real effort to earn a recall," Asa explains.

"It usually takes me five or six games to get into my stride, but this time I started training earlier and got as fit as possible.

"I feel it has paid off, but unfortunately it hasn't made any impression with Jock Stein."

Another reason for Everton's improved showing has been the introduction of teenager Stevie McMahon into the midfield. "I know it is early days yet, but I get the feeling that Stevie could be a real top-liner," Hartford says.

"A lot of youngsters come in and earn rave reviews simply because

their enthusiasm and fitness allows them to run all over the place and get through a lot of work.

"Although Stevie has those qualities, he possesses a lot more besides. He is confident enough to try things other lads would never dream of doing.

helped to relieve the pressure on manager Gordon Lee, a man with a reputation for masterminding defensive football.

"People misunderstand Gordon," Hartford explains. "When I signed for Everton last September I was very aware of his reputation for being a disciplinarian with a

hatred of entertaining football. It is completely the wrong image.

"Gordon really encourages you to attack, but not in the cavalier style that leaves the defence completely exposed.

"I think I am playing as well as ever. We will surprise a lot more people before the season is out."

Stevie McMahon, a newcomer in the Everton midfield.



"Stevie's presence in the team has helped the fans to forget about the departure of Andy King to Q.P.R. Andy was a big favourite with the crowd, and I was very sad to see him go.

"He is the kind of player who could always guarantee a side goals, but Stevie has introduced other qualities and we are getting the right results.

"Supporters do not really mind who is playing as long as their team is winning."

Certainly the move up the First Division table after an all-too-familiar shaky start to the season has



Asa Hartford is still hoping for a Scotland recall.

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How the mighty Elland Road club has fallen since the days when Don Revie masterminded them into a force feared at home and abroad.

I can remember the time when a meeting between our two clubs was regarded as the match of the season at Anfield and Elland Road. All eyes were on us.

Paradoxically, they tended to get the better of us at our place, and we at theirs.

In the League, they definitely had the edge, winning the Champion-

the most successful in Britain.

I got the impression Brian Clough tried to change things too quickly at Leeds, alienating the established players, instead of introducing his ideas on a gradual basis.

His successor, Jimmy Armfield, was more patient, and his efforts were rewarded when Leeds won through to the European Cup Final against Bayern Munich in Paris, only for Billy Bremner and Co. to lose 2-0 after having 90 minutes of the play.

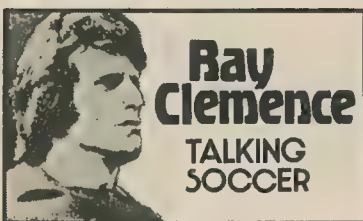
This match illustrated the "British complaint" of squandering a host of goal-chances while the opposition create far fewer but capitalise on them.

Things really looked up when Jock Stein took control, for like most people I was interested in seeing whether he could work the same magic with Leeds as he had done with Celtic, the great Glasgow side.

However, he swiftly left to manage his beloved Scotland, to be replaced by Jimmy Adamson, who was sacked only a few weeks ago when the club floundered in 21st position in the table.

Although we've not yet played Leeds, and I haven't seen them on TV, I gathered from Press reports the team lacked that one vital ingredient — confidence.

I wasn't surprised when the board turned to a former player, Allan



Ray Clemence
TALKING SOCCER

ship in 1969, and finishing in the runners-up spot in the two following seasons.

They were a tremendous team, yet I always felt they never really lived up to their potential, so often falling down just when they seemed certain to add another honour to their impressive roll.

For instance, the astounding failure in 1970 when they seemed destined to hit a treble of Championship, F.A. Cup and European Cup.

Everton, our Merseyside neighbours, took the title; Chelsea cheekily carried off the Cup after amazingly drawing at Wembley and then winning the replay at Old Trafford; and Celtic knocked them out of the European Cup at the Semi-Final stage.

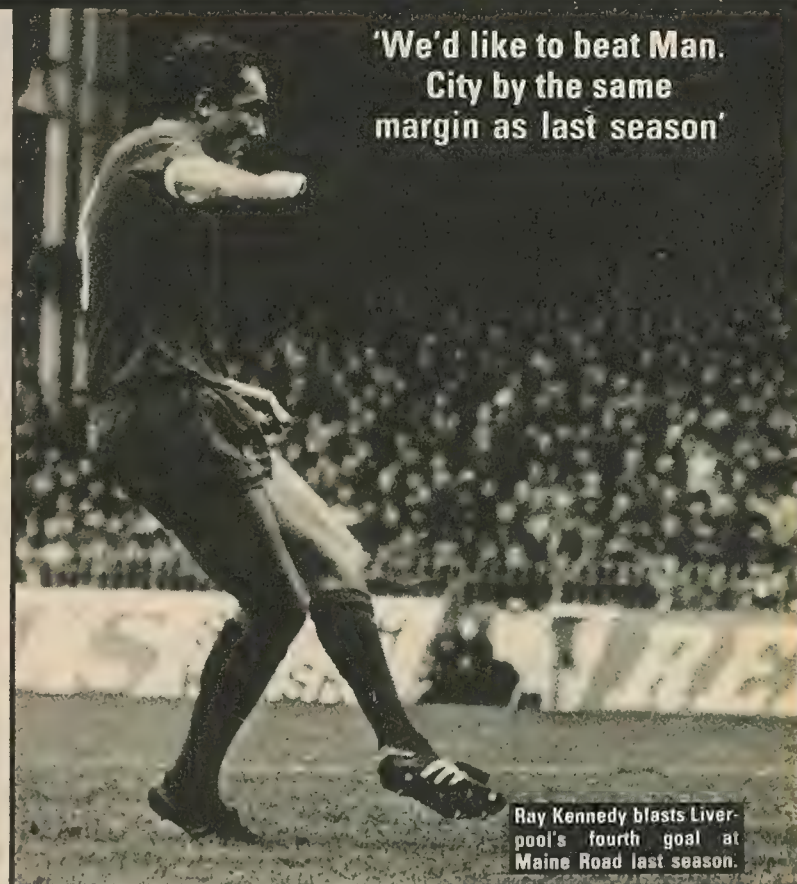
Perhaps they couldn't stand the pressure? But knowing the skill and dedication in the side, I can't accept that answer to the enigma.

However, the club seemed to go into decline from the moment Don Revie left to take over his appointment as England boss, and Brian Clough was brought in from Derby County where he'd won two Championships.

Perhaps the "rot" set in beforehand due to too many of the players growing old together. So often this is the root cause of a club's slump, with the manager reluctant to get the axe out and do the necessary surgery simply through misplaced loyalty to players who have served him so well.

This is something that wouldn't happen at Liverpool with our policy of continuously phasing out players past their best and replacing them with fresh talent.

Everyone at Anfield accepts this, and in return is handsomely paid for making his contribution towards maintaining the club's position as



'We'd like to beat Man. City by the same margin as last season'

Ray Kennedy blasts Liverpool's fourth goal at Maine Road last season.

'TOP TEAMS IN

Clarke, who has served an impressive apprenticeship at Barnsley.

Allan is probably fortunate in that very few of his former team-mates are now at Elland Road, so he won't have any problems establishing he's

the boss.

Through the experience of playing under Don Revie for so long, I would imagine Allan has incorporated some of his methods into his approach to the job. But knowing how confident he is in his beliefs,

beliefs that bore fruit at Barnsley, Allan will do things his way.

I wish Allan every success in his efforts to re-build Leeds and restore their former glory.

But Leeds aren't the only former top club in trouble. Look at Wolves, revitalised last season by manager John Barnwell, winning the League Cup and finishing a creditable sixth in the League, and expected to continue where they left off this season.

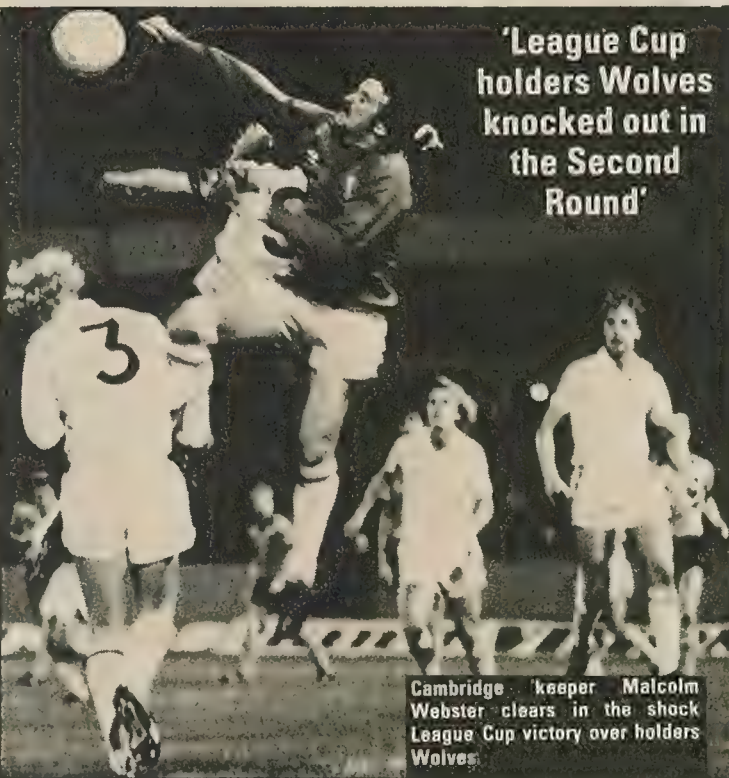
Instead they have disappointed, being knocked out in the Second Round of the League Cup by Second Division Cambridge and suffering several bad defeats.

John Barnwell has already accused some of his players of becoming complacent and lacking passion, so unless they change their ways we'll be seeing some new faces in their line-up. I'm sure his words weren't levelled at my former team-mate Emllyn Hughes, now Wolves' captain, for it's impossible for Emmo not to involve himself 100 per cent in a game.

A side I'm surprised to find propping up the table are Crystal Palace, who although they have no great tradition comparable to Wolves and Leeds, were hailed as the team most likely to succeed in this decade.

Big things were expected of a side managed by Terry Venables, one of the most promising bosses around and a future prospect for the England job.

Instead they have struggled to put



'League Cup holders Wolves knocked out in the Second Round'

Cambridge keeper Malcolm Webster clears in the shock League Cup victory over holders Wolves.



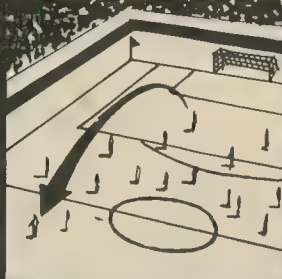
Malcolm's mistake in my opinion is concentrating on throwing in so many youngsters — all with undoubted potential — and transferring out experienced hands such as Dave Watson, Mike Channon.

Ray Memoirs

YOU ARE THE REF

Compiled by **CLIVE THOMAS**

- 1** During a League match the crossbar cracks and could be dangerous. Should you (a) abandon the match, (b) take no action or (c) improvise with cord.
- 2** A goalkeeper throws the ball to a team-mate standing in an offside position in the opponents' half. Should you award (a) a direct free-kick, (b) indirect free-kick or (c) take no action?



- 3** A defender intentionally distracts an opponent by shouting when the ball enters the penalty-area. Should you (a) award a penalty, (b) an indirect free-kick or (c) take no action?



- 4** During the match you issue a yellow card to a player. After the match you have second thoughts and do not report the caution to the Football Association. Are you in order?



- 5** Can a player receive injury treatment by the touchline, but still on the field of play?



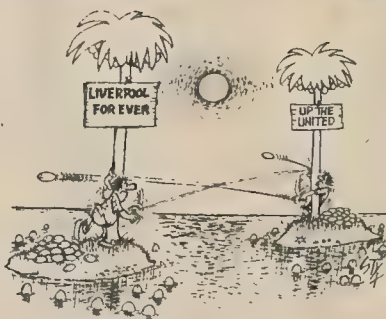
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"Now I can honestly say that I've seen everything."



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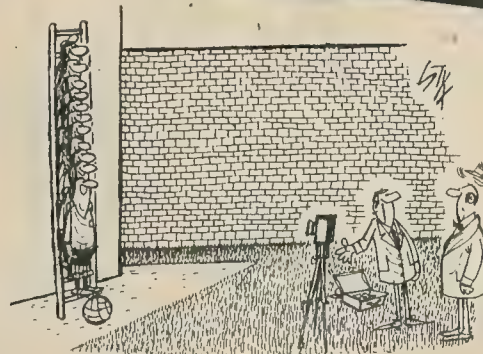
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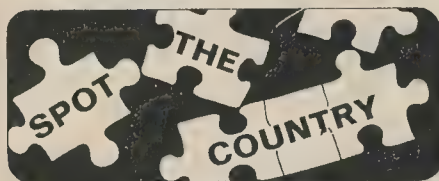


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BEST'S BACK... but for how long?

TANNED and looking trim, George Best has sauntered back into British football without the customary fanfare of trumpets or glaring headlines.

September 9 was the date when Best slipped into the green-and-white Hibs shirt again and played against Dundee at Dens Park. He had a quiet evening, but still managed to set up the winning goal in a 2-1 triumph for the Edinburgh side with a spark of the old genius.

He burst on to a ball on the left, produced a little magic, floated over a tantalising cross and number two was knocked past the despairing 'keeper.

So, George Best is back. Or is he? No one seems too sure at the moment.

Best is saying little himself. "I owe Hibs and chairman Tom Hart a lot," says soccer's prodigal son. "I want to get back into the game in Britain and I still have a lot to offer."

"I've got plenty to prove... especially to myself."

The 33-year-old former Manchester United wizard is unlikely to play on a consistent basis for Hibs this season. Nor will he be paid the mammoth £2,000 per game he received last term.

Cash

In fact, in a telephone conversation, Tom Hart, who shelled out the cash from his own pocket, let the Irishman know he wouldn't get any more than the other Hibs players this time out.

Without hesitation, Best agreed to play. There was no haggling whatsoever. Best, who walked out on Hibs twice last season and then admitted he had a severe drink problem, realises he has a debt to pay back.

Two English Second Division clubs watched him against Dundee, and it seems that Best will use Hibs as a shop window in which to sell himself to an English club.

Hibs, realising the drawing power of Best at the turnstiles, will give him the opportunity to do so just as long as he can prove to manager Willie Ormond that he is better than anyone else at Easter Road for his particular position.

San Jose also want the wandering Irishman to play for them in the North American Indoor League, and there is the chance of Best crossing the Atlantic once again.

But the player would obviously prefer to play in English soccer. And there is also the exciting possibility of him playing in the green shirt of Northern Ireland once more.

Manager Billy Bingham says: "I might play George in my team, but

I would have to be absolutely certain of his intentions. If he is serious about a comeback to British football and he shows up well then he must be considered. It's up to George. He would have to convince me 100 per cent."

Bingham actually travelled up to Scotland last season in a bid to see Best in action against Ayr United at Easter Road in a Scottish Cup-tie.

Best, sadly, had been on the booze the night before and was in no fit condition to play. Twenty-four hours later he confessed to drink being his master.

Thankfully, Best now appears to have beaten the battle of the bottle. In the game against Dundee he looked as slim as in his days at Manchester United. The paunch has gone and Best is adamant that it will not return.

Well, what does the future hold for Best, who is soon to become a father for the first time?

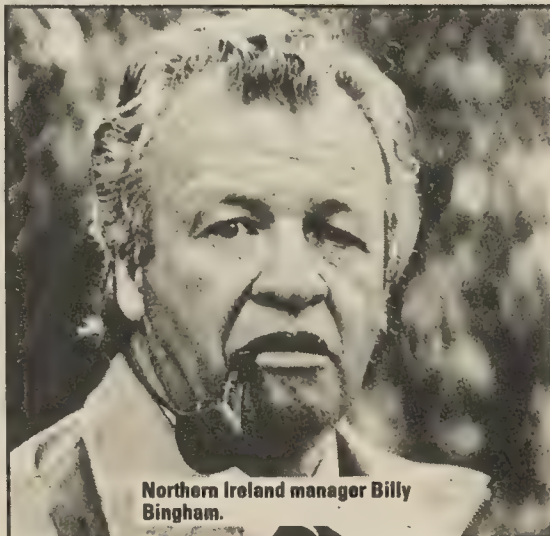
Hibs chairman Tom Hart says: "I'll give him permission to play in testimonials and things like that. If any club wants him they will have to get in touch with us."

The Easter Road side will not be difficult to deal with and will happily accept the £60,000 they paid out last season to Fulham for the player.

Best remains silent apart from repeating: "I know I can do a job in English football. But we'll just have to wait and see, won't we?"

Surely, in this day and age of wild transfer fees and rampant inflation, £60,000 is a bargain for such a player. He may be a problem boy, but he has never been more determined to succeed.

"And I will," he says quietly. In that mood no one rushes to disagree with one of the most flamboyant, exciting soccer characters the game has ever produced.



Northern Ireland manager Billy Bingham.

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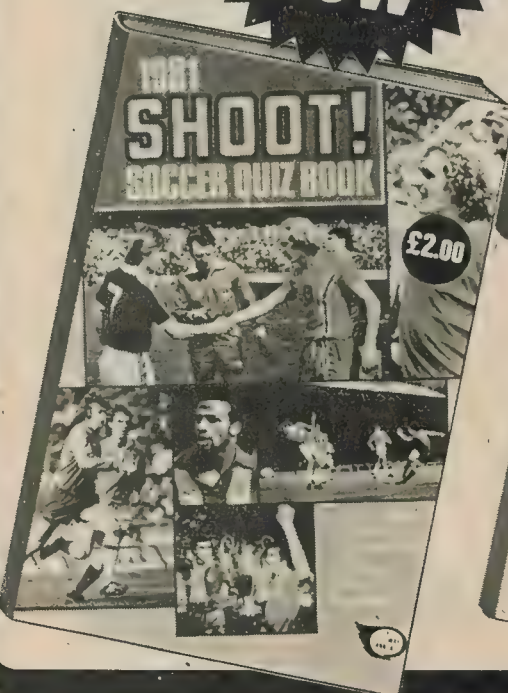
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A better FUTCHER for Oldham

AFTER a frustrating experience at Manchester City, Paul FUTCHER is enjoying his football once again at Boundary Park, Oldham.

Futcher, snapped-up at the second attempt by manager Jimmy Frizzell in a pre-season deal costing £150,000, doesn't hold any grudges against City boss Malcolm Allison, the man who didn't want him.

"I'm not bitter," says the 23-year-old player. "But I would have liked to have been sold earlier.

"I was placed on the transfer list at the beginning of last season and it was in September that Oldham made an approach, £350,000 for Kenny Clements and me. Ken went and I turned the move down.

"Soon after that I got into the side and played ten games. Then I was left out and didn't return until the final four matches of the season.

"My record at City was good as far as I was concerned, yet no matter how well I played, I knew that as long as Malcolm Allison was there, then I wouldn't be.

"I didn't figure in his plans and when Oldham renewed their interest, it was a case of any club willing to buy me.

"After a lot of thought I felt it was best I moved. It gave me the chance of first team football and the opportunity to establish myself again.

"Obviously, Oldham aren't a club on the same lines as City, but they're very professional. There are no big stars at Boundary Park. We just want to play and work for each other.

"When Jimmy Frizzell signed me he told me

that just because Malcolm Allison didn't want me it didn't mean that I was a bad player. He also added that there are a lot of people who had faith in me and he was one of them.

"At 23, and costing £150,000, he's not looking for me to stay at Oldham for ten years.

"He sees me as an investment. What he says is true. After 18 months or so, Oldham can probably make a good profit by selling me to a First Division club. If we do that, then we're both happy. And as far as I am concerned there is every chance of that happening.

"Jimmy Frizzell and coach Bill Taylor are honest men — and that says a lot in football because honesty isn't what it used to be. They also have the added advantage of working well together."

Midfield

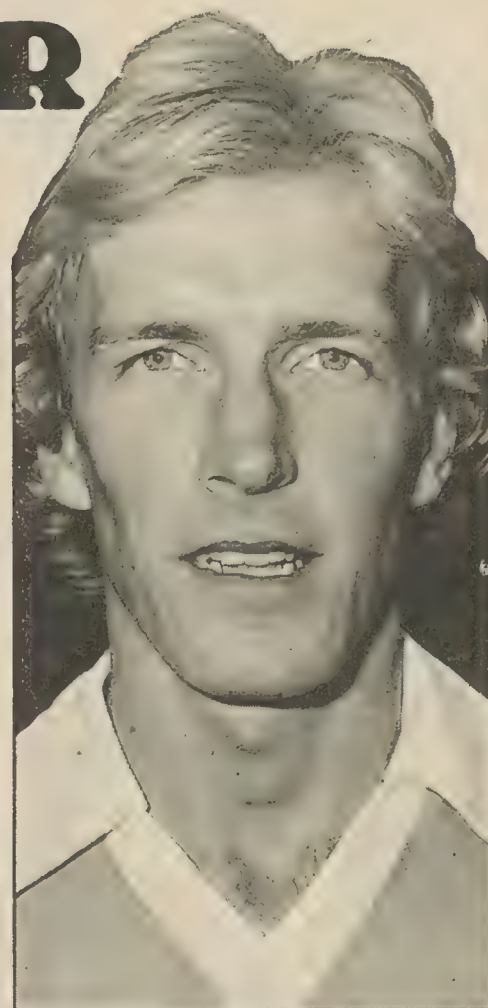
Futcher, an England Under-21 international player in his Luton and Manchester City days, now finds himself playing in midfield.

"It's a role which is completely new to me," he says. "I look upon the switch as a fresh challenge, one that broadens my outlook.

"Kenny Clements and John Hurst are holding the two central defensive positions. If either suffers an injury, I can revert back as the occasion demands.

"But professional footballers should be able to adapt to any position. It's about giving 100 per cent and playing to the best of your ability.

"I've found no problems whatsoever in adjusting. In fact, I'm enjoying it."



IF Mick Jones manages to steer Mansfield back into the Third Division at the first attempt he will surely owe an even bigger debt to Ipswich manager Bobby Robson.

Jones' persistence finally resulted in Robson selling his 20-year-old midfielder player Noel Parkinson to the Fourth Division club for a bargain £35,000 after last season's asking price for the player had been £100,000.

"This was a big favour by Bobby as I'd been badgering him for ten

months to try and get Noel. When we finally agreed terms Bobby said that he was doing me a favour and I think it was the memory of when he had a struggling side at Fulham and his early days at Ipswich which influenced his decision," Jones commented.

Besides Parkinson, Jones has also signed another midfielder player Brendan Phillips from non-League Boston in an effort to tighten up what he considered was the club's main weakness last

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STRONGER STAGS



Noel Parkinson

season.

Despite their early League Cup exit to Barnsley, Mansfield's otherwise encouraging start to the season was an early indication that Jones' hard work during the close season was quickly bearing fruit.

"To my way of thinking Mansfield have struggled for too long and the lack of success has manifested itself on people's minds.

"It was difficult coming into the job when I did last season and having to pick other people's players," Jones continued, "and although we went eight matches without defeat, injuries deprived us of a couple of important players, which upset things."

In addition to his two midfield recruits Jones has also signed three other players since succeeding Billy Bingham last season. Such has been their impact and the way they have blended in with the club's more seasoned cam-



Manager Mick Jones

'OLD hands could bring NEWcastle success'



TERRY Hibbitt, in his second spell with Newcastle United, is well used to upheaval at St. James' Park — and he reckons that after the early-season drama of managerial switches at Gallowgate the club can revive sufficiently to once again make a bid for promotion.

"I'll admit I was a bit surprised when Bill McGarry departed so early in the new season," says Terry.

"Having said that, it did seem that we were in the same sort of rut that we had been in during the second half of last season, and the whole team was suffering from lack of confidence.

"Now, the new manager, Arthur Cox, will find that after we rallied to win two successive League games under caretaker-boss Joe Harvey, the side is beginning to believe in itself again.

"But it could take time for the players to settle into a regular rhythm, especially as from

Terry Hibbitt (left) and new-boy Ray Clarke have the know-how to steer Newcastle through an early period of upheaval.

last Christmas until May the squad was repeatedly chopped and changed.

"Also, in late August and early September this season, we found ourselves playing under three managers in half-a-dozen games, which emphasises how welcome it is to get back to a normal routine."

Hibbitt, who was transferred from Newcastle to Birmingham City in 1975 for £100,000 in the reign of Gordon Lee at St. James', cost United £75,000 when he returned to Tyneside in May, 1978.

He is as convinced now as he was in his earlier days that The Magpies have a real future within the game.

"I think we can look ahead to a positive improvement in team performances, with players like Billy Rafferty, Bobby Shinton, Ray Clarke and Alan Shoulder establishing an understanding up-front.

"In midfield, Mick Martin should be available soon after a long absence through injury, and behind him John Brownlie is a full-back who will give our playing pool added strength when he comes off the casualty list.

"In Gordon Lee's days the side which had been built up by his predecessor, Joe Harvey, looked as though it might make a name for itself. But it was broken up much too early and the tremendous potential was never realised.

"Before that, in 1974, we reached the F.A. Cup Final and that team only needed a couple of players to make Newcastle a really outstanding club, capable of going right to the very top of the tree.

"And although we don't know yet what improvements will be thought necessary by

Arthur Cox, most of the 'old hands' who took us to the top of the Second Division last season are still available.

"I believe that we could reverse the trend we set in 1979-80. Then we headed the table for a while and fell away — this time, we've started badly but in the coming months could collect enough points to put us up among the pace-setters."

Joining Newcastle for the first time in 1971, from Leeds, Hibbitt soon established himself as a crowd-pleaser at St. James' Park.

He says: "From being a reserve player at Leeds, I found myself a regular first team man at Newcastle and was voted 'Player of the Year' by the fans in 1972-73, and again in 1973-74. Joe Harvey had paid £30,000 for me, and I shall always be grateful to him for introducing me to the big-time.

"Joe always told me to play in the style that suited me best — I had freedom in my role in midfield and tried to provide entertainment for the crowd as well as grafting for the side.

"It doesn't suit me to play a restricted sort of game, which I've sometimes had to do in the past."

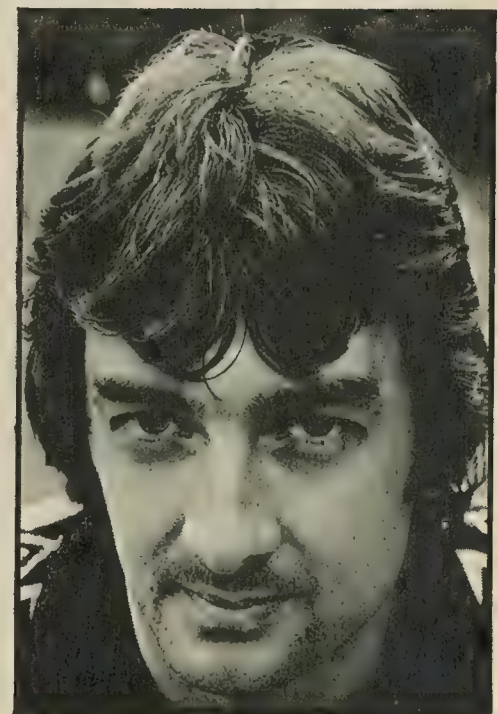
Whichever role Hibbitt is asked to play for Newcastle United in the future, one thing is certain — he will put into it the 100 per cent effort he has never failed to give the club.

He says: "The fans have been good to me — it will be great if we can hand them the Second Division Championship.

"It is early days yet, and we have already started to improve on our disastrous start to the season.

"We have had a couple of good results, and the fans are already beginning to get excited about our prospects.

"Added to that, Arthur Cox appears to be a manager who has the best interests of the club at heart, and I think that is vitally important for us."

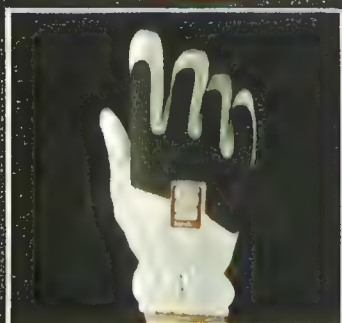


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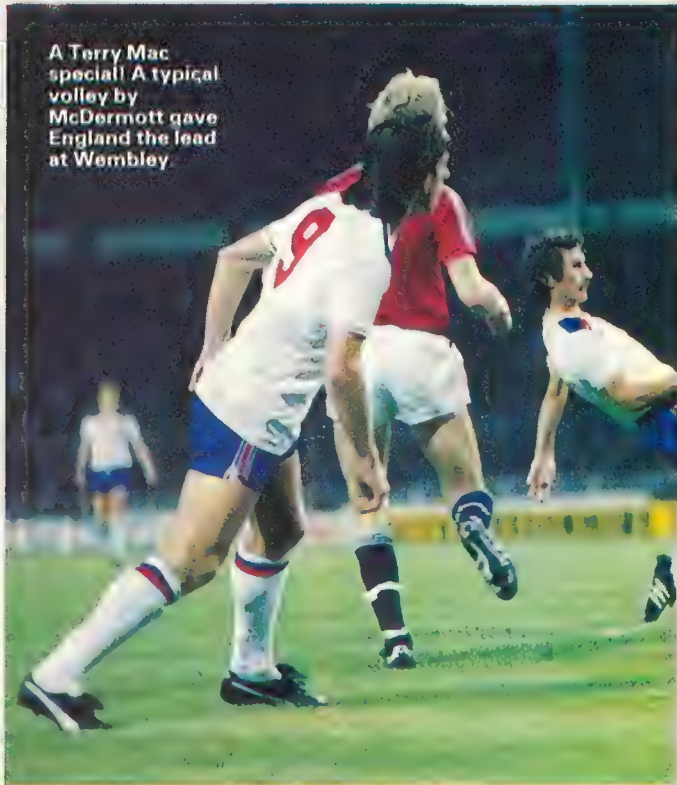
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SHARPER BLADES

THERE is a confident air about Bramall Lane, home of Sheffield United, these days. The gloom over last season's second half capitulation has been dispelled by manager Harry Haslam's new look team, and the bookies have slashed their pre-season long odds to make United favourites for promotion — you will now be lucky to get 5-1.

Haslam has brought in dependable, experienced, popular players like Martin Peters, the former West Ham, Spurs, Norwich and England



Martin Peters, the inspiration at Bramall Lane.

World Cup star, Stewart Houston, lately of Manchester United, and Bob Hatton, the goal-machine previously with Luton.

It is intended that, in time, Peters will be promoted from his present player-coach job to team manager, allowing Haslam to concentrate on a more executive position.

Haslam has built up a reputation as a star finder. Malcolm MacDonald and Andy King were two of his proteges and he was instrumental in bringing Ardiles, Villa and Sabella to this country from Argentina.

Another Haslam discovery certain to achieve high standing in the game is John MacPhail, signed from Dundee in February, 1979 for £30,000.

In Haslam's words "John is becoming a helluva player. He can be a very dominating centre-half and is keeping a curb on himself so that he doesn't get tied up in incidents, and is getting on fine with his game."

Haslam was referring to the lack of discipline evident last season. As games slipped away from them, frustration accounted for United's regrettable tally of many

bookings which cost them dearly in important matches.

MacPhail is undoubtedly one of the key players in what should be United's last season in the Third Division. He is a hard player who combines speed, skill and an eye for goal, scoring six times last season.

No one will be working harder than MacPhail. At one away match, when relegation finally became a stark reality, he clasped in his arms several youngsters who had run to him on the field. He was surprised when they started sobbing because of the relegation.

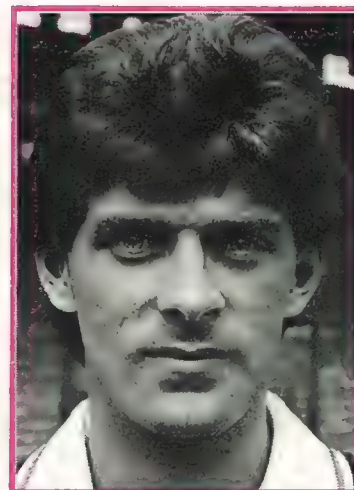
"It was incredible," he told us, "the tears of those kids really got to me."

He is 24 now. As a lad he used to play in goal. Once he looked like being a permanent first-teamer with Dundee but apparently personality differences with new manager Tommy Gemmell gave him less frequent chances and that was when Haslam moved in.

He was delighted with the move. "I found everything more professional down here. Everything is geared round a professional attitude and I think the team will do the necessary job this time."

"We've got players that will graft, and a player like Bob Hatton who gees us up before we go out to play is invaluable."

"We go out saying that we aren't going to lose, that we're



John MacPhail

going to keep our discipline and then the results will come. When we played Oxford (1-0) we didn't get over-excited as we did last season by going forward and losing things in the middle or at the back.

"Martin Peters has got a lot of ideas, the training under him has been good and, with Stewart Houston chatting to us a lot on the field, there is a confidence spreading through the team."

"When I run out with the team at Bramall Lane the feeling I get is tremendous... the place surrounds you... it's electric!"

"This season, given the breaks, we'll do it! There's no reason why Sheffield United won't get out of the Third Division as Champions!"

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LET'S HAVE SOME ACTION!

★ When are the people at the top of our national sport going to wake up and realise that unless some drastic measures are taken to curb the ever growing problem of soccer violence the game will decline into a minority sport?

I believe the time for talk is past and that the time for action has arrived. For too long suggestions have been made and put forward, the time has come to put them into practice.

This season is just a few weeks old and already the thugs are dominating the news with their wild, senseless and barbaric behaviour. I would suggest that any person arrested at a soccer ground be automatically banned for life. It's the only way that this sort of behaviour can be discouraged.

Anyone caught causing trouble should further be made to do community service on Saturdays throughout the season. Stiff and severe punishments, including imprisonment, should be brought in.

The recent trouble at the Oldham/Sheffield Wednesday match was sparked off when a player was sent-off. On the Monday afterwards the Home Secretary called for players to set an example.

I would like to endorse this, for if these professionals behave badly on the pitch, what can they expect from the fans?

One of the worst incidents last season occurred when Chelsea visited Bristol Rovers. A stabbing and many fights took place as fans invaded the pitch.

I was at that game, and watched horrified as innocent people ran for cover.

Yes, it's very easy to see why gates are dropping.

Stiffer penalties and better examples need to be set all round so as once again the trip to the local soccer match can become a family outing.

● The Minister for Sport called for a ban on alcohol inside grounds, but most of the hooligans arrive the worse for drink. While the authorities are doing all they can, as they don't travel with fans on trains or stand with them, I wonder how close to the problem they can actually get.

Bad judge

RAY Clemence's comments on England's European Championship failure were an insult to the intelligence of all SHOOT readers.

It's nonsense for Clem to blame the riot fiasco at England/Belgium on England's inability to reproduce their impressive form of the qualifying round for Italy.

It was easy for Greenwood's men to look good as they cruised into the final stages of the tournament at the expense of (apologies to Irish readers!) opposition that could not be described as top class.

In Italy they were confronted by sophisticated, experienced sides and this, coupled with the tragic absence of Trevor Francis, made the outcome predictable.

At least half of the current squad is not good enough to compete at the highest level. We can forget 1982 — whose magic wand can transform Euro-

pean also-rans into World Champions?

The Liverpool star is a world-class 'keeper, but as an impartial judge of the England team he's strictly Sunday League class!

J. STEWART BROWN, BRAMHALL.

● The riot didn't help, because a huge anti-England campaign started; it was difficult enough playing in Italy without this. But, despite some bad luck, England finished fifth in a disappointing competition. That's what the record books shows and to most that's all that matters.



Liam Brady, £600,000 to Juventus but £2 million to British clubs.

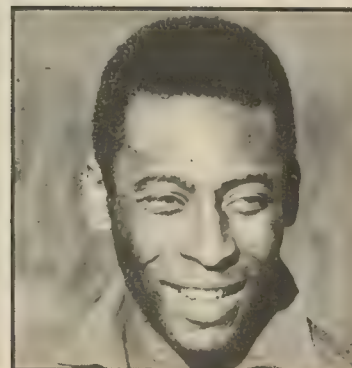
Football becoming dirtier

I AM writing about your article SHOOT VIEW where you said that "sending off should be only for dangerous play and bad fouls".

I am a referee and believe that this is utter rubbish. I would like to point out the implications if this suggestion became law.

Sending-off offences, such as the use of foul or abusive language and being guilty of violent conduct or serious foul play, will go totally unpunished and a seemingly harmless offence of raising your foot too high, being classed as dangerous play would result in the hapless player being sent from the field.

Such a law would make a total mockery of the game and I feel that the present laws on the sending-off of players are perfectly adequate; they have been accepted for many years and!



cannot see why there has to be this relatively sudden uproar.

I believe the reason for the increase of cautions since the 70's is because the game is getting dirtier.

There has been an alarming upsurge of 'technical' cautions, like dissent and time-wasting. So I say that it is not the laws of the game that need to be changed, but the players attitudes.

GARY BURCH, READING.

● What frustrates players and fans is when a nasty foul goes unpunished while dissent is stamped down on.

Different talent — same price

IN a SHOOT VIEW you stated that the only way to curb inflated transfer prices was to put a £600,000 ceiling on transfers, as in European football.

This is completely ridiculous; if this type of restriction were to be employed, all the medium/good players would be on the market at that price. Thus there would be no difference in price between a moderate player and a brilliant one.

There must be a difference because there is a difference in skill.

I therefore recommend that instead of a transfer ceiling, there must be a specific time by which the transfer must be paid back in full, e.g. three to six months.

This would stop large scale borrowing which leads, ultimately, to bankruptcy.

M. J. VANHEGAN, OXFORD.

● Soccer is bankrupting itself and there is a strong argument for us falling in line with the rest of Europe. The problem is that traditionally our authorities have been slow to do this.

Out of step

YOU mentioned the Leeds United open day where the United Club Shop was selling "Samba with Sabella" T-shirts, to herald the arrival of Alex Sabella to Elland Road.

I wonder how the Argentinian felt about this, as the samba is the Brazilian national dance. The national dance of Argentina is the tango.

JONATHAN ROBERTS, LEIGHTON BUZZARD.

● Sadly for Sabella Leeds are out of step for the Championship.

'Professional' penalty

I THINK harsher punishment should be given against players who commit the so-called professional fouls.

Any player who commits a deliberate foul like this should be sent-off immediately and a penalty should be awarded, however far away from the penalty-area it occurred.

SIMON GIBBONS, ILKLEY.

● If the referee feels the foul is ungentlemanly conduct the offender CAN be sent-off. Personally, I don't see how such a foul can be anything else.

The greatest?

ON the cover of SHOOT'S latest booklet, All Time Greats, there is a large colour photograph of Kevin Keegan.

Wedge in the corner there is a small sepia-coloured photograph of Pelé.

Words fail me.

ANGELA THOMPSON, NASSINGTON.

● No disrespect to Pelé (left) but we thought our readers would prefer to see a cover page bearing an action photograph of England's captain. Another factor was that Kevin Keegan is a current player rather than a hero of the past.

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Hat-trick

Why is a hat-trick so-called?

JOHN JUDGE, GLASGOW.

● It comes from cricket — that's the game the Sassenachs play down South of the border, John!

It dates back to those days in the dim and distant past when it was the custom for a bowler to be presented with a new hat by his club whenever he took three wickets with successive balls.

And, in time, that same term came to be adopted by soccer as well.

But strictly speaking — although most of us normally speak of a player scoring any three goals in a match as getting a hat-trick — it should be three in succession, as wickets in cricket, with the sequence unbroken by any other player on the same side.

England's youngest

Who was the youngest player ever to play for England in a full international?

PHILIP KLEINVELD, SPAIN.

● The late Duncan Edwards was the youngest, Philip.

He was 18 years and 183 days old when he played at left-half in the England side which beat Scotland 7-2 at Wembley on 2nd April, 1955.

By the time Duncan died at the age of only 21 — a victim of Manchester United's Munich air disaster in February, 1958 — he'd already played in 18 full internationals.

Foreign England

What was England's first full international outside Great Britain?

NILS-GORAN JOHANSSON, SWEDEN.

● It took place in Vienna on 8th June, 1908. Nils — 36 years after England's first-ever official game — and Austria were beaten 6-1.

Two years later, they played again in Vienna — and this time it was 11-1 to England.

SHORT PASSES

● Jimmy Dickinson played his 764th, and last, League game for Portsmouth on his 40th birthday in April, 1965.

(ROBERT GARVEY, Petts Wood)

● Left-winger Chris Duffy was the man who scored the goal when Charlton won the F.A. Cup by beating Burnley 1-0 in the 1947 Final.

(JOHN COLLINS, Blackheath)

LINE-UPS... RESULTS... SCORERS...

Friday, September 5

Third Division

FULHAM (1) 1 (Davies)
BLACKPOOL (2) 2 (Sbragia, Morris) 4,940

Fourth Division

ALDRSHOT (1) 1 (Brodie)
BURY (0) 0 3,100

SOUTHEND (1) 3 (Spence 3)
YORK (0) 0 5,124

TRANMERE (0) 1 (Lumby)
PETERBOROUGH (0) 2 (Cooke, Slack) 1,772

Saturday, September 6

First Division

BIRMINGHAM (0) 1 (Worthington)
LIVERPOOL (0) 1 (Dalglish) 17,042

Birmingham: Wealands, Langan, Dennis, Curbishlev, Gallagher, Todd, Ainscow, Gemmill, Worthington, Bertschin, Dillon.

Liverpool: Clemence, Neal, Kennedy (A), Thompson, Kennedy (R), Hansen, Dalglish, Case, Johnson (Cohen), McDermott, Souness.

COVENTRY (0) 3 (Daly 2, Blair)
C. PALACE (0) 1 (Allen) 13,091

Coventry: Blyth, Coop, Roberts, Blair, Dyson, Jones, Bodak, Daly, Thompson (Hateley), English, Hunt.
C. Palace: Barron, Hinshelwood, Fenwick, Murphy, Cannon, Gilbert, Smillie, Francis, Allen, Flanagan, Hilaire.

EVERTON (1) 2 (Eastoe, Wright)
WOLVES (0) 0 21,820

Everton: McDonagh, Gidman, Bailey, Stanley, Lyons, Wright, McMahon, Eastoe, Latchford (O'Keefe), Hartford, McBride.

Wolves: Bradshaw, Palmer, Parkin, Daniel, Berry, Hughes, Villasanz (Clarke), Richards, Gray, Carr, Eves.

IPSWICH (0) 1 (Thijssen)
ASTON VILLA (0) 0 23,192

Ipswich: Cooper, Burley, McCall, Thijssen, Osman, Butcher, Wark, Muhren, Mariner, Brazil, Gates.
Aston Villa: Rimmer, Swain, Gibson, Evans, McNaught, Mortimer, Bremner, Shaw, Withe, Cowans, Morley.



LEICESTER (0) 0
SUNDERLAND (1) 1 (Hawley) 20,638

Leicester: Wellington, Williams, Gibson, Goodwin, May, O'Neill, Smith, Grewcock (Melrose), Young, Henderson, Wilson.

Sunderland: Turner, Hinnigan, Bolton, Elliott, Marangoni, Arnott, Allardyce, Chisholm, Brown, Hawley, Cummins.

MANCHESTER CITY (0) 1 (Tueart pen.)
ARSENAL (0) 1 (Young) 32,223

Man. City: MacRae, Reid, Power, Booth, Caton, Henry, Tueart, Daley, Mackenzie, Bennett, Reeves.
Arsenal: Jennings, Devine, Sansom, Talbot, O'Leary, Young, Hollins, Sunderland, Stapleton, Price, Rix.

MIDDLESBROUGH 0
NOTTM. FOREST 0 17,119

Middlesbrough: Platt, Craggs, Bailey, Johnston, Ashcroft (Hedley), McAndrew, Proctor, Askew, Hodgson, Jankovic, Cochrane.

NOTTM. FOREST: Shilton, Anderson, Gray, McGovern, Needham, Burns, O'Neill, Bowyer, Birtles, Wallace, Robertson.

SOUTHAMPTON (2) 3 (Williams, Baker, Golac)
BRIGHTON (0) 1 (Smith) 22,225

Southampton: Wells, Golac, McCartney, Williams, Watson, Nicholl, Hebbard, Channon, Boyer, Holmes, Baker.
Brighton: Moseley, Gregory, Williams, Ryan (Gariani), Foster, Stevens, McHale, Ward, Robinson, Smith, McNab.

STOKE (3) 3 (Ursem, Maguire, Heath)
LEEDS (0) 0 12,729

Stoke: Fox, Evans, Hampton, Thorley, Dodd, Doyle, Bracewell, Ursem, Chapman, Heath (Johnson PA), Maguire.

Leeds: Lukic, Cherry, Greenhoff, Flynn, Hart, Madeley (Harris), Sabella, Parlano, Connor, Hamson, Graham.

TOTTENHAM 0
MANCHESTER UTD. 0 40,995

Tottenham: Daines, Smith, Hughton, Yorath, Lacy, Perryman, Ardiles (Taylor), Archibald, Villa, Hoddle, Crooks.

Man. Utd.: Bailey, Nicholl, Albiston, McIlroy, Jovanovic, Buchan, Coppell, Greenhoff, Ritchie (Duxbury), Macari, Thomas.

WBA (1) 3 (Barnes pen.), Owen, Brown (A)
NORWICH (0) 0 15,414

WBA: Godden, Treweek, Statham, Moses, Wile, Robertson, Robson (Deehan), Brown (A), Regis, Owen, Barnes.

Norwich: Hansbury, Symonds, Powell, Barham, Bond, Forbes (Downes), Woods, Fashanu, Royle, Paddon, Bennett.

Second Division

BOLTON (0) 2 (Griffiths o.g.), Gowing pen)
BRISTOL ROVERS (0) 0 8,712

Bolton: Peacock, Clement, Burke, McElhinney, Walsh (Wilson), Cantello, Gowing, Whatmore, Carter, Kidd, Hoggan.

Bristol Rovers: Thomas, Williams, Jones, Bate, McCaffrey, Hughes, Mabbutt, Griffiths, Bates, Pulis, Lee.

BRISTOL CITY (0) 0
SWANSEA (1) 1 (James (L)) 9,528

Bristol City: Cashley, Sweeney, Hay, Gow, Merrick, Whitehead, Tainton, Ritchie, Garland (Pritchard), Mabbutt, Doyle.

Swansea: Stewart, Attley, Stevenson, Habziabdic, Charles, Phillips, Giles, James (R), James (L), Mahoney, Robinson.

CHELSEA (0) 0
WEST HAM (0) 1 (Wilkins o.g.) 32,669

Chelsea: Borots, Wilkins, Rofs, Bumstead (Chivers), Nutton, Pates, Britton, Fillery, Lee, Walker, Viljoen.
West Ham: Parkes, Stewart, Lampard, Bonds, Martin, Devonshire, Holland, Goddard, Cross, Brooking, Pike.

DERBY (0) 2 (Biley 2)
BLACKBURN (2) 2 (Kendall pen), Garner 18,159

Derby: Jones, Emery, Buckley, Powell (S), Ramage, Osgood, Clark, Powell (B), Biley, Wilson, Emson.
Blackburn: Butcher, Branagan, DeVries, Kendall, Keeley, Fazackerley, Brotherton, Crawford (Stonehouse), Garner, McKenzie, Speight.

LUTON (0) 1 (Bunn)
WREXHAM (0) 1 (Edwards) 8,244

Luton: Findlay, Stephens, Donaghy, Grealish, Saxby, Price, Hill, Stein, Bunn, Antic (West), Moss.
Wrexham: Davies, Jones, Dwyer, Davis, Cegielski, Carrodus, Vinter, Sutton, Edwards, McNeil, Cartwright.

NEWCASTLE (2) 2 (Clarke, Shoulder pen)
CARDIFF (0) 1 (Kitchen) 15,804

Newcastle: Hardwick, Carney, Davies, Walker, Boam, Mitchell, Koenen, Hibbit, Rafferty, Clarke, Shoulder.
Cardiff: Grotier, Grapes, Lewis, Campbell, Pontin, Dwyer, Bishop, Kitchen, Stevens, Ronson, Buchanan.

NOTTS CO (2) 2 (Christie, Hunt)
QPR (0) 1 (Hill pen) 7,197

Notts Co: Avramovic, Benjamin, O'Brien, Kelly (Hooks), Kilcine, Richards, McCulloch, Masson, Christie, Hunt, Mair.

QPR: Woods, McCreery, Gillard, Waddock, Wicks, Roeder, Fereday (Hazell), Shanks, Langley, Neal, Hill.

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 Sheff Wed: Bolder, Blackhall, Grant, Smith (M), Pickering, King, Owen, Taylor, Mellor (Oliver), King, Curran.

ORIENT (1) 2 (Moore, Bowles (pen))
GRIMSBY (0) 0 4,506
 Orient: Day, Fisher, Roffey, Taylor, Gray, Parsons, Chiedoie, Moore, Mayo, Bowles, Margerison.
 Grimsby: Batch, Stone, Moore, Waters, Wigginton, Crombie, Brolly, Ford, Drinkell, Mitchell (Liddell), Cumming.

PRESTON (2) 2 (McGee 2)
CAMBRIDGE (0) 0 5,516
 Preston: Tunks, Cameron, McAteer, Coleman, Baxter, O'Riordan, Burns, Bell, McGee, Bruce, Houston.
 Cambridge: Webster, Donaldson, Murray, Smith, Fallon, Gibbins, Streete, Spriggs, Christie (Stringer), Finney, O'Neill.

SHREWSBURY (1) 2 (Dungworth 2)
WATFORD (1) 1 (Jenkins) 5,500
 Shrewsbury: Wardle, King, Leonard, Lindsay, Griffin, Keay, Tong, Atkins (Cross), Edwards, Dungworth, Petts.
 Watford: Steele, Henderson, Jackett, Patching, Sims, Bolton, Blissett (Cassells), Poskett, Jenkins, Train, Roston.

Third Division

BURNLEY (1) 1 (Hamilton)
COLCHESTER (0) 0 4,391

CHESTER (0) 1 (Cooke)
EXETER (0) 0 1,974

GILLINGHAM (2) 3 (Hughes, Price, Henderson)
NEWPORT (1) 2 (Lowndes, Oakes) 4,712

HUDDERSFIELD (1) 4 (Death (o.g.), Kennedy (pen), Laverick, Stanton)
READING (0) 1 (Wanklyn) 7,312

HULL (0) 0
WALSALL (0) 1 (Buckley) 4,211

MILLWALL (1) 2 (Lyons, Mitchell)
CHARLTON (0) 0 6,893

OXFORD (0) 0
CHESTERFIELD (1) 3 (Walwyn 2, Wilson) 3,273

PLYMOUTH (2) 4 (Kemp 3, Murphy)
CARLISLE (1) 1 (Staniforth) 4,854

PORTSMOUTH (0) 0
BRENTFORD (0) 2 (Booker, Funnell) 16,971

ROTHERHAM (0) 2 (Finney, Moore)
BARNLEY (0) 0 10,766

SHEFF UTD (1) 3 (Kenworthy (pen), Peters, Trusson)
SWINDON (0) 0 12,089

Fourth Division

BRADFORD C (1) 1 (Hutchins)
BOURNEMOUTH (1) 1 (Heffernan) 3,389

DONCASTER (3) 5 (Warboys 2 (1 pen), Little, Nimmo 2)
HEREFORD (0) 1 (White) 2,186

HARTLEPOOL (1) 2 (Hogan, Forster)
NORTHAMPTON (1) 3 (Bowen, Farmer, Phillips) 2,410

LINCOLN (0) 3 (Hobson 2, Thompson (S))
HALIFAX (0) 0 3,720

MANSFIELD (0) 1 (Hamilton)
DARLINGTON (0) 0 3,001

ROCHDALE (1) 2 (Martinez, Wann)
TORQUAY (1) 1 (Taylor (o.g.)) 1,777

SCUNTHORPE (0) 1 (Partridge)
CREWE (1) 1 (Davies) 1,516

WIGAN (1) 1 (Gore)
PORT VALE (0) 0 4,678

WIMBLEDON (1) 1 (Leslie)
STOCKPORT (0) 2 (Rutter, Bradd) 2,018

Scottish Premier

ABERDEEN (1) 6 (Miller, Strachan, Scanlon 2, Hewitt, McMaster)
MORTON (0) 0 10,000
 Aberdeen: Leighton, Kennedy, Rougvie, Watson (Bell), McLeish, Miller, Strachan, Jarvie (Hewitt), McGhee, McMaster, Scanlon.
 Morton: Baines, Wilkie, Holmes, Anderson, Orr, McLaren, McNeil, Rooney, Thomson, Cochrane, Ritchie (Tolmie).

CELTIC (2) 4 (McGarvey, McLeod, Nicholas 2)
PARTICK (1) 1 (Gibson) 20,000
 Celtic: Bonner, Sneddon, McAdam, Aitken, McGrain, Sullivan, McLeod, Burns, Provan, Nicholas, McGarvey (McCluskey).
 Partick: Rough, Doyle, Welsh, Campbell (Lapsley), Whittaker, Park (Scott), Gibson, Jardine, Watson, Higgs, O'Hara.

DUNDEE UNITED (0) 2 (Dodds, Payne)
RANGERS (4) 4 (Cooper, McAdam, MacDonald, Hegarty (o.g.)) 15,000
 Dundee Utd: McAlpine, Stark, Hegarty, Narey, Kopel, Kirkwood, Bannon (Milne), Addison (Phillip), Sturrock, Payne, Dodds.
 Rangers: McCloy, Jardine, Jackson, Forsyth (Stevens), Miller, Bett, MacDonald, McLean, Cooper, McAdam, Redford.

KILMARNOCK (0) 0
HEARTS (0) 1 (Gibson) 4,000
 Kilmarnock: McCulloch, McLean, Robertson, Mauchlen, Clarke (Cockburn), McDicken, Street (Hughes), Maxwell, McBride, Crammond, Gibson.
 Hearts: Brough, Robinson, Jeffries, Boyd, Liddell, Kidd, Bowman (Moore), Gibson, O'Connor, Robertson (C), MacDonald.

ST MIRREN (0) 2 (Somner 2)
AIRDRIE (1) 2 (Clark pen, Irwin) 5,220
 St Mirren: Thomson, Young, Copland, Dunlop, Beckett, Richardson, Abercrombie, Stark, Somner, Bone, Logan.
 Airdrie: Martin, Irwin, Anderson, March (Hamilton), Rodger, Walker, McKeown (McCulloch), Gordon, Clark, Russell, McGuire.

Scottish First

BERWICK (1) 1 (Tait)
AYR (1) 2 (Morris, Christie) 713

CLYDEBANK (2) 3 (Sweeney 2, Houston)
DUNDEE (0) 0 1,240

EAST STIRLING (0) 0
DUNFERMLINE (3) 4 (Falcon, McNaughton 3 (1 pen)) 1,059

HAMILTON (0) 1 (Fairley)
DUMBARTON (0) 1 (Rankin) 1,800

HIBERNIAN (0) 1 (Jamieson)
MOTHERWELL (0) 0 4,390

RAITH 0
ST JOHNSTONE 0 1,500

STIRLING (0) 1 (McPhee)
FALKIRK (0) 0 1,500

Scottish Second

ALLOA (1) 2 (McIntosh, McComb)
CLYDE (0) 0 750

COWDENBETH (1) 2 (Steele, Liddle)
BRECHIN (1) 1 (Paterson) 350

MONTROSE (0) 0
ALBION (0) 1 (Ross) 350

QUEEN'S PARK (2) 5 (Nicholson 2, McCoy 3)
QoS (1) 1 (Alexander) 640

STENHOUSEMUIR (1) 2 (Jack, Kirkland)
EAST FIFE (0) 0 400

STRANRAER (0) 0
FORFAR (3) 4 (Clark 2, Gillies, Gallacher) 450

Tuesday, September 9

European Under 21 Championship

SWEDEN (1) 2 (Sandberg, Nilsson)
SCOTLAND (0) 0 2,140 at Begerfors
 Sweden: Revelli, Weidenstolpe, Revelli, Hysen, Dannerby, Stromberg, Prytz (Hansson), Kinnault, Holmquist (Ohlsson), Nilsson, Sandberg.
 Scotland: McCulloch, Nicholl, Connor, Blair, Paterson, Fulton, Nicholas, Watson, Brazil, Bett, MacDonald (Redford).

Under 21 Friendly

ENGLAND (3) 3 (Eggen (og), Goddard 2)
NORWAY (0) 0 8,500 at Southampton
 England: Lukic, Dennis, Gilbert, Dyson, Fenwick, Baker, Johnston, Hodgson (Moses), Goddard (Fashanu), Hilaire, Allen.
 Norway: Haugvaldstad, Roed, Herlovsen, Kojedal, Iversen, Gran, Giske, Solar, Eggen, Hjort, Osvald.

Scottish First

BERWICK (0) 1 (Davidson)
ST. JOHNSTONE (1) 1 (McCoist) 1,065

CLYDEBANK (2) 2 (Gervaise, Given)
MOTHERWELL (2) 2 (Clinging, Carson) 1,500

DUNDEE (1) 1 (Scrimgeour)
HIBERNIAN (1) 2 (MacLeod, Rae) 5,304

DUNFERMLINE (0) 1 (O'Brien)
DUMBARTON (0) 1 (Brown) 2,480

HAMILTON (1) 2 (Fairlie 2)
STIRLING (0) 0 2,100

RAITH (1) 2 (Harrow, Candlish)
FALKIRK (0) 1 (Mackie) 1,600

Scottish Second

ALLOA (0) 1 (Holt pen)
FORFAR (0) 0 500

MEADOWBANK (0) 2 (McQuade 2)
BRECHIN (0) 0 390

MONTROSE (0) 1 (Robb)
EAST FIFE (0) 0 400

QUEEN'S PARK (0) 1 (McCoy)
COWDENBETH (0) 1 (Rowland) 450

STENHOUSEMUIR (1) 1 (Meekin)
ARBROATH (2) 2 (Myles, Gillespie) 690

STRANRAER (0) 1 (Mitchell)
CLYDE (0) 0 400

Wednesday, September 10

World Cup Qualifying Group 2

EIRE (0) 2 (Daly, Lawrenson)
HOLLAND (0) 1 (Tahamata) 32,000
 Eire: Peyton, Langan, Hughton, O'Leary (P), O'Leary (D), Grealish, Lawrenson, Daly, Stapleton, Givens, Brady.
 Holland: Hiele, Wijnstokers, Spelbos, Van der Korput (Metgod), Brands, Van Mierlo, Thijssen, Schonemaker (Van der Kerkhoff), Peters, Van Diensen, Tahamata.



Group 4

ENGLAND (1) 4 (McDermott 2 (1 pen), Woodcock, Mariner)
NORWAY (0) 0 48,200
 England: Shilton, Anderson, Sansom, Thompson, Watson, Robson, Gates, McDermott, Mariner, Woodcock, Rix.
 Norway: Jacobsen, Barnsten, Kordahl, Ass, Groendalen, Albertsen, Hareide, Dokken, Oakland, Jacobsen, Erlandsen.

Group 6

SWEDEN (0) 0
SCOTLAND (0) 1 (Strachan)
 In Stockholm 39,831
 Sweden: Hellstrom, Gustafsson, Borg, Bild, Arvidsson, Erlendsson, Ramsberg, Nordgren, Nilsson, Sjoberg, Ohlsson.
 Scotland: Rough, McGrain, Gray (F), Miller, McLeish, Hansen, Strachan, Dalglish (Archibald), Gray (A), Gemmill, Robertson.

Saturday, September 13

First Division

ARSENAL (0) 2 (Hollins, Sansom)
STOKE (0) 0 27,183
 Arsenal: Jennings, Devine, Sansom, Talbot, O'Leary, Young, Hollins, Sunderland, Stapleton, Price, Rix.
 Stoke: Fox, Evans, Hampton, Dodd, Thorley, Doyle, Maguire, Heath, Chapman, O'Callaghan, Bracewell.

ASTON VILLA (0) 0
EVERTON (2) 2 (Lyons, Eastoe) 25,673
 Aston Villa: Rimmer, Swain, Gibson, Evans, McNaught, Mortimer, Bremner, Shaw, Withe, Cowans, Morley.
 Everton: McDonagh, Gidman, Bailey, Wright, Lyons, Stanley, McMahon, Eastoe (O'Keefe), Latchford, Hartford, McBride.

BRIGHTON (1) 2 (Lawrenson, McNab)
BIRMINGHAM (1) 2 (Curbishley, Bertschin) 17,188
 Brighton: Moseley, Gregory, Williams, Horton, Foster, Lawrenson, McHale (Stuile), Ward, Robinson, Smith, McNab.
 Birmingham: Wealdens, Langan, Page, Curbishley, Gallagher, Todd, Ainscow, Bertschin, Worthington (Givens), Gemmill, Dillon.

CRYSTAL PALACE (0) 1 (Lovell)
IPSWICH (1) 2 (Wark, Gates) 24,282
 Crystal Palace: Barron, Hinshelwood, Fenwick, Lovell, Cannon, Gilbert, Smillie, Francis, Allen, Fanagan, Hilaire (Sealy).
 Ipswich: Cooper, Burley, Mills, Thijssen, Osman, Beattie, Wark, Muhren, Mariner, Brazil, Gates.

LEEDS (0) 0
TOTTENHAM (0) 0 21,947
 Leeds: Lukic, Hird, Stevenson, Cherry, Hart, Firm, Chandler, Parlane, Connor (Hanson), Sabella, Graham.
 Tottenham: Daines, Smith, Hughton, Taylor, Lacy, Perryman, Ardiles, Archibald, Crooks, Hoddle, Villa.

LIVERPOOL (2) 4 (McDermott (pen), Souness, Fairclough 2)
WBA (0) 0 36,792
 Liverpool: Clemence, Neal, Cohen, Thompson, Kennedy (R), Hansen (Money), Dalglish, Lee, Fairclough, McDermott, Souness.
 WBA: Godden, Batson, Statham, Moses, Wile, Robertson, Robson, Brown (A), Regis, Owen (Trewick), Barnes.

MANCHESTER UNITED (2) 5 (Coppell, Grimes, Jovanovic 2, Macari)
LEICESTER (0) 0 43,222
 Man. Utd: Bailey, Nicholl, Albiston, McIlroy, Jovanovic, Buchan, Grimes, Greenhoff, Coppell, Macari (McGarvey), Thomas.
 Leicester: Wallington, Williams, Gibson, Goodwin, May, O'Neill, Grewcock (Melrose), Henderson, Young, Wilson, Smith.

Chatting up Northampton

NORTHAMPTON for promotion! That is the firm prediction of Steve Phillips, the club's record £50,000 summer scoop from Third Division Brentford.

"I may have dropped into the Fourth," says the 26-year-old London-born player, "but as far as I am concerned it will be only for one season."

"I have tried to convince the lads to think positive and believe in promotion. If you don't, then you're wasting your time."

"We started the season disappointingly and collected only four points from our first five League games. But lately, the signs have been that we are beginning to develop understanding within the side."

Phillips, now in his second spell at The County Ground, first joined Northampton in November, 1975, for a bargain £6,000 from his first club, Birmingham City.

"At the end of the season the team went into the Third Division," he says. "My wife had a little girl that year. Now I've returned and my wife is pregnant again!"

"I'm superstitious. If we have a

girl around Christmas, then I know for sure that Northampton will go up!"

Phillips has every reason to shout promotion from the roof tops of his Northampton home. After his first stint at the County Ground, which lasted 15 months, Bill Dodgin took him to Brentford in February, 1977.

"When I first went there the club were at the bottom of the Fourth Division," he says. "We went 19 matches and only lost twice. We shot up the table and finished 12th."

"The following season Brentford won promotion. I scored 36 goals and won a golden boot from Adidas."

"In three seasons at Brentford I was top scorer every campaign. But things change. Towards the end of last season manager Bill Dodgin, who had always been my inspiration, was sacked."

"Fred Callaghan came and when new managers arrive they want new faces. He just told me that I had no future at the club. I wasn't wanted and Northampton stepped in."

"Team boss Clive Walker was very straight with me. He came across as a very honest person, and all the lads say the same of him."

"We get on well and, with every manager feeling the pinch and the pressure, I hope I turn up trumps."

"I'm either a midfield player or a forward. It doesn't matter. As long

Steve Phillips

as I'm in the first team, then I'm happy."

"Whenever I play I can always be relied on to get the goals. My main strength is organising the players around me. I'm the link man between the midfield and the attack."

"Clive Walker has given me a free role at Northampton. If I'm getting joy playing wide, then that's where I play."

"I don't think I've anything to prove. After all, I did play 170 consecutive games for Brentford. I was about ten off the record when the manager sold me."

"I've returned to Northampton and everything seems great. And the supporters like me which for some reason they didn't at Brentford."

"I've signed a three year contract and I'm quite happy with the move. In fact, delighted to be back home."



'Clubs not to blame for fan trouble'

I WAS talking to a friend the other week and he remarked that he would not allow his 14-year-old son to go to football. Not only that, he wouldn't even take his son himself. The reason, needless to say, is hooliganism.

You can't pick up a paper these days without reading about the thugs who plague soccer. And I don't go along with those who say the problem should not be publicised. First, once you start getting murders at grounds, you cannot ignore it; secondly, by discussing the problem and drawing attention to it, perhaps some sort of deterrent will be found.

I've thought long and hard about this season's troubles, but like everyone else, I haven't been able to come up with a solution. I get the impression that these hooligans are almost a race apart — if you lock one up in jail another will appear.

Prison

Long jail sentences must make people think twice, surely? If any fan misbehaves abroad, let the authorities throw him inside for a few weeks. A month and a half in a Spanish prison should make even the 'toughest' thug mellow a little.

I felt desperately sorry for West Ham, who saw their name dragged through the dirt thanks to the action of a few so-called supporters. It seems The Hammers had set the right example by scrutinising all those who travelled with them and sending a letter by Billy Bonds to them pleading for good behaviour.

I don't know exactly what happened in Madrid, but how can West Ham really be responsible for the action of what appears to be fans who travelled independently from the main party?

On the other hand, U.E.F.A. can hardly not take any action. It's in their rules that clubs ARE responsible for their supporters, unfair as it may be.

They have to do something, although what a fair punishment



Ray Wilkins
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ABOVE . . . "Trouble for a fan during Chelsea's home game with West Ham at the beginning of September."

BELOW, LEFT . . . "Willie Johnston has been sent-off 13 times."

BELOW . . . "Forest players (dark strip) have a lot of respect for their boss Brian Clough."



would be I don't know. As a player, I feel it's wrong that Billy Bonds and company should feel the backlash of something they had absolutely no control over.

The suggestion of issuing identity cards is a good one. Whether it's practical is another matter. Chelsea tried it at one time, although to make it effective all 92 League clubs would have to do it and that would cost a lot of money.

The idea is that no one can gain admission to a League ground without this pass; offenders would have theirs taken away, which would ban trouble-makers from the terraces.

I don't know how much it would cost, but as the Government is taking a closer interest in the hooligan problem, maybe a grant would be forthcoming. The Arts receive millions of pounds from the Government and any positive step from the politicians regarding hooliganism would be welcome.

I hope the courts take a harder line with offenders. When you read that those arrested have a year or so to pay their fine, you wonder just how hard they're being hit.

Unfortunately, Manchester Utd fans have a poor reputation. Our problem, if that's the right word, is that we have followers everywhere and most of the trouble-makers aren't from the Manchester area.

They come from all over the country — we have fan clubs in most major cities — but at Old Trafford there is virtually no bother at all.

Mind you, I think that United's overall record has improved in the past couple of years.

I believe players have a responsibility to set the right example. We can do without those involved in the game getting it bad publicity, although whether fighting on the pitch inspires fighting on the terraces I'm not so sure. It may help, but not to the extent some would have us believe.

All players are different. At United, we have a good disciplinary record and off the top of my head I can't recall one of our players being booked for dissent recently. There was a Fair Play League which we won a couple of times.

I can usually keep my cool — others can't. Willie Johnston, for example, is a smashing fellow off the pitch. Helpful, charming . . . he'd do anything for you. Once he steps on to the field, though, he's a different character and he can't control himself, as 13 red cards in his career proves!

Clubs are taking a stronger line with players who step out of line. This is good. If clubs can't keep their own houses in order, how can they preach to others?

Example

One club manager who is very much a disciplinarian is Nottingham Forest's Brian Clough. Forest, who we meet this Saturday, set the right example in just about every way, on and off the field.

I don't know Brian and the Forest lads say little about him on England trips. Don't read anything sinister into this as managers aren't usually a topic of conversation in the England camp!

I know how much the Forest players respect Cloughie. His record as a manager is second-to-none. Obviously he couldn't be successful without the right players, but the Forest manager and Peter Taylor must take a lot of credit for what's happened at the City Ground and their previous clubs.

I'm not surprised Forest are once again near the top of the First Division. They have so many good players that inevitably they're going to be in the running for anything they enter.

From a personal point of view, I saw a specialist about my groin injury a couple of weeks ago and I'm taking things easy after a complete rest. I don't want to hurry back and perhaps do more damage. I've not set myself any deadlines: only when I'm 100 per cent fit again.

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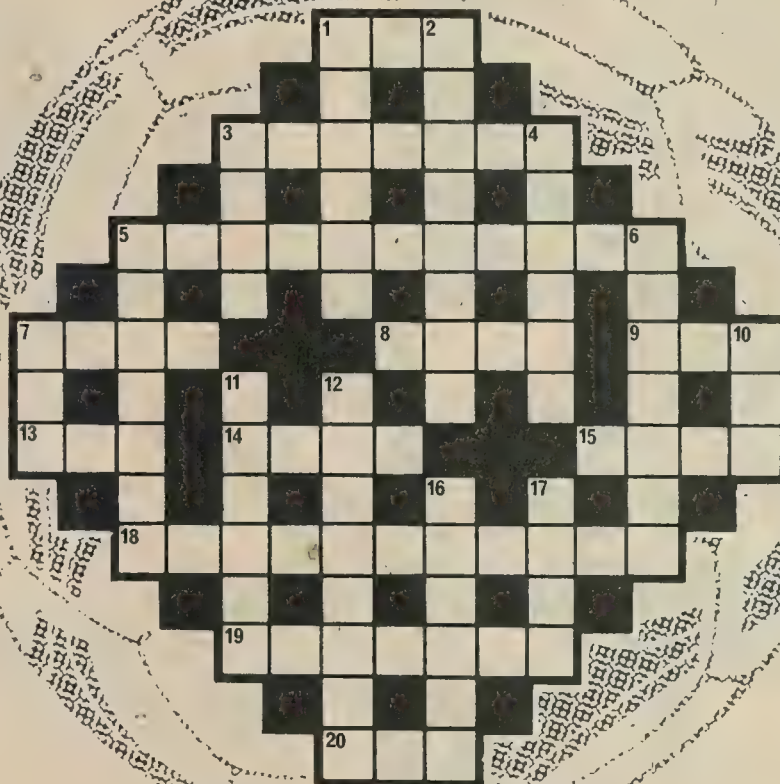
ON THE BALL CROSSWORD

ACROSS

- (1) Irving Nattr---, Middlesbrough utility player. (3)
- (3) Ian ---, Queens Park Rangers defender. (7)
- (5) Ipswich Town striker. (4 & 7)
- (7) Transfer of the ball from one player to another. (4)
- (8) Dull pain. (4)
- (9) Ke---worth Road, home of Luton. (3)
- (13) Draw by another name. (3)
- (14) --- Thompson, Liverpool defender. (4)
- (15) ---dale; Preston North End's ground. (4)
- (18) Nickname of Norwich City. (3 & 8)
- (19) The Biscuitmen from Elm Park. (7)
- (20) ---ter City play at St. James' Park. (3)

DOWN

- (1) Lob Pam and get self-possession. (Anagram) (6)
- (2) --- Rovers, club in League of Ireland. (8)
- (3) Disease affecting joints. (4)
- (4) Peter ---, Wolves defender. (6)
- (5) Malcolm ---, Watford striker. (7)
- (6) They hold the record for being Scottish League Champions the most times. (7)
- (7) Aberdeen play at ---todrie. (3)
- (10) Sunder---nd play at Roker -ark. (3)
- (11) Present oneself. (6)
- (12) --- Road; home of Watford. (8)
- (16) Extreme scarcity --- usually applied to food, but sometimes lack of goals! (6)
- (17) --- Lane, ground of Bury. (4)



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Happier times for Andy King at Everton. Here he celebrates with manager Gordon Lee after scoring the winning goal against Liverpool two years ago. Now King has been released by Lee at a cost-price fee of £450,000 to Q.P.R.



'My cockney King worth £1million'

—Tommy Docherty

ANDY King has chosen the Second Division and Queens Park Rangers as a platform to fire his bid for a place in the England side which is confident of playing in the 1982 World Cup Finals.

The chirpy cockney is not bitter about his recent £450,000 move from Everton, just sad at what happened during his last few weeks at Goodison Park.

"It became obvious during the summer that there was no place for me at Goodison," says King. "I never wanted to leave Everton. But they made it clear that they didn't want me."

"I'm ambitious. I still want to play for England. Tommy Docherty and Rangers can help me do that."

King joined Rangers in early September. But why did he sacrifice his place in the First Division, despite a late bid by Arsenal to capture his undoubted talents?

'Approach'

"As far as I'm concerned only one club were interested," says King. "I was told of only one official approach. I spoke to The Doc and chairman Jim Gregory at Queens Park Rangers and had few doubts that this was the place for me."

But what of Arsenal's interest? Could it be that if Gordon Lee had allowed King to move to Highbury he would have constantly been a reminder to a very puzzling move?

Lee sold Malcolm Macdonald to The Gunners when he was manager at Newcastle. The burly striker never let him forget it. Indeed, he scored a hat-trick against Newcastle and Lee the first time they met again!

Lee sold Duncan McKenzie to Chelsea and the story was much the same. He has a penchant for unloading unorthodox talent.

At the end of the day Arsenal were believed to have been put off by an ever-spiralling price.

"I don't mind telling anybody that dropping a Division frightened me to death when I was thinking the move over," says King. "But



Rangers manager Tommy Docherty

now my aim is to get Rangers back into the First. The club is crying out for status in the top flight.

"There are some good players here. Tommy Docherty has worked hard and he is not the type of manager content with second best."

Signing King could yet prove to be the best deal Docherty, a man with a reputation for buying and selling, has ever done.

In five years at Everton, King scored 48 goals in 180 appearances. Billy Bingham paid £35,000 for him to Luton Town.

"Andy King is worth £1 million now," says Docherty. "He is in Ray Wilkins' class. I couldn't believe the price Everton quoted me when I made my approach. I snapped their hand off."

King was a legend on Merseyside. His goalscoring feats in derby matches earned him a special place in the hearts of Everton fans. He still treasures it.

His superb drive past Ray Clemence in the October, 1978, derby at Goodison, captured on television, ended a seven-year spell without a win over the old enemy for Everton.

He scored in the next two derby games. To The Kop he was a loud-mouthed cockney who only had one kick a game. To Evertonians he was a genius who only needed one kick!

Now Queens Park Rangers fans have the chance to witness the rebirth of Andy King in the Capital.

REAL Madrid have scored nine goals in their opening two games, winning 2-1 in Almeria and then beating Athletic Bilbao 7-1 in front of 80,000 fans in Madrid. Garcia Hernandez is the man in form with four goals, including a hat-trick against Athletic. Laurie Cunningham scored one goal in the rout. Mario Kempes scored twice against Betis to give Valencia maximum points, also after two matches.



St. Etienne's new strip isn't exactly a smash hit with French fans, and there's even been a fair amount of correspondence in the Press on the subject.

The addition of a few fine white hoops to St. Etienne's traditional green jerseys is seen by many as a barefaced manoeuvre to make the fans fork out for a new strip every season.

This is the third consecutive season that St. Etienne have modified their kit, and many English fans can surely sympathise as expensive equipment rapidly becomes outdated thanks to purely commercial interests.



Rummenigge glory

AS the new season gets under way in Europe, the annual race for the Adidas Golden Boot Award is beginning to hot up. At the moment, Russian and Scandinavian players dominate the list because of their summer season. But St Etienne's French international midfielder Michel Platini had a flying start in France with

ten goals in his first eight games.

My guess is that Bayern Munich's Karl-Heinz Rummenigge will once again figure high in the list. There is no doubt in my mind that the blond striker will be elected European Footballer of the Year by an overwhelming majority and his early form for Bayern has been first-class.

For the record, here are the leading scorers around Europe last season:

Country	Player	Goals	Country	Player	Goals
Belgium	Van den Bergh (Lierse)	39	Bulgaria	Djosev (CSKA Sofia)	21
Hungary	Fazekas (Ujpest Dozsa)	36	Cyprus	Kaiafas (Omonia Nicosia)	21
Austria	Schachner (Austria Vienna)	34	France	Onnis (Monaco)	21
Portugal	Jordao (Sporting Lisbon)	31	Switzerland	Sulser (Grasshoppers)	21
Holland	Kist (AZ 67)	28	Denmark	Nielsen (Esbjerg)	20
Russia	Staroukhin (Shakter Donetsk)	26		Eriksen (Odense)	20
West Germany	Rummenigge (Bayern Munich)	26	Northern Ireland	Dickson (Coleraine)	19
Scotland	Sommer (St. Mirren)	25	Iceland	Thoreliofsson (Vikingur)	19
Greece	Dajevits (AEK Athens)	25	Albania	Kovaci (Tomori)	18
Luxemburg	Langers (Union)	25	Czechoslovakia	Licka (Banik Ostrava)	18
Malta	Farrugia (Valletta)	25	Yugoslavia	Kostic (Napredak)	17
Romania	Campanau (Napoca)	24		Susic (Sarajevo)	17
Poland	Kmiecik (Wisla Cracow)	24	Norway	Iverson (Vaelerengen)	16
Spain	Quini (Gijon)	24	Italy	Bettge (Juventus)	16
England	Boyer (Southampton)	23	Finland	Suhonen (TPS), Ismail (HJK)	15
Rep. of Ireland	Campbell (Shamrock Rovers)	22	Sweden	Werner (Hammarby)	14
East Germany	Kuhn (Lokomotiv Leipzig)	21	Turkey	Mustafa (Altay Izmir)	14
				Rantivar (Bursaspor)	12

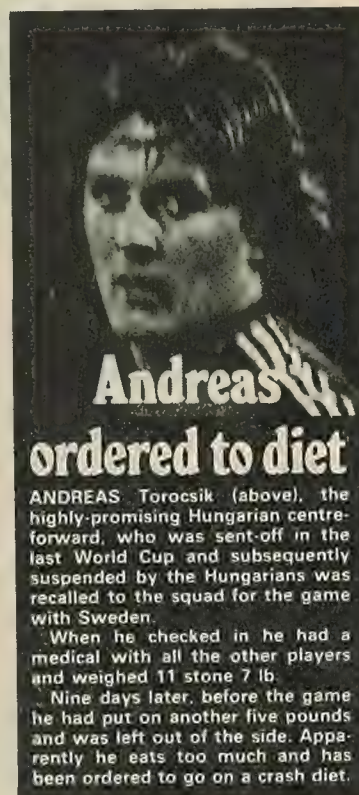
BRAZIL'S 1974 World Cup defender Luiz Pereira (left) is back in Brazil after five seasons in Spain with Atlético Madrid. A sensation in his first year, Pereira's stock had been steadily dropping, and he was fined several times for indiscipline. Atlético Madrid finally let him go to Flamengo for a mere £100,000.

One player, two contracts

THEY say rules are made to be broken — and that's certainly the case with Brazilian star Falcão's move from Internacional Porto Alegre to Italian club Roma.

The two clubs agreed a fee of 2,700,000 dollars, but this figure is way above the permitted maximum in Italy for foreign-exchange transactions.

Unperturbed, Roma promptly drew up two contracts for figures below the official ceiling, and the deal went through without a hitch!



Andreas ordered to diet

ANDREAS Torocsik (above), the highly-promising Hungarian centre-forward, who was sent-off in the last World Cup and subsequently suspended by the Hungarians was recalled to the squad for the game with Sweden.

When he checked in he had a medical with all the other players and weighed 11 stone 7 lb.

Nine days later, before the game he had put on another five pounds and was left out of the side. Apparently he eats too much and has been ordered to go on a crash diet.

IN Argentina, Quilmes — Champions two years ago — have been relegated alongside Tigre and All Boys.

Spanish T.V. should be O.K.

RTVE, the Spanish T.V. network, have signed contracts worth £31,464,000 for new equipment in a bid to update their facilities in time for the 1982 World Cup.

More than half of the cash is being spent on improving telecommunication links within the country; a further third is to be used for the construction of new transmitters (large areas of Spain are currently unable to pick up both channels).

And about £3,600,000 is being spent on 12 new outside broadcast units.

Meanwhile Spain kicked-off the new season with no television football! The clubs still haven't reached an agreement with RTVE, after more than a year of negotiations...

News flashes

● Didier Six, left wing star of France in the last World Cup, has been transferred to Cercle Sportif Bruges. After a few weeks in Belgium he told the Press: "The gap between French football and the rest of Europe is very wide. Our game is less mobile and not so physical. Also, the discipline in Belgium is much more strict than in France."

● Hamburger SV are interested in the Communist Chinese forward 27-year-old Gu-An-Min, who will join them for a trial period.

● Arie Haan, who hammered several long distance shots for Holland in the last World Cup, got

one from 35 yards for Anderlecht in a 5-0 F.A. Cup win over Turnhout.



● Pepe Santamaría's first move as Spain's national team boss has been to drop captain Juan Manuel Asensi (above) and his fellow veterans Quini and Uribe.

● After eight successful years guiding PSV

Eindhoven, Kees Rijvers was surprisingly told his contract was not going to be renewed. He did think about retirement, but neighbouring Belgian club FC Beringen, only 40 miles from his home in Eindhoven, persuaded him to sign a two-year contract.

● FC Metz continue to defy the French F.A. with manager-coach Henryk Kasperczak, their former player and Polish international. After their 1-0 win over highly placed Bastia, the Corsican club protested to the FFF that Metz have an unqualified coach, contravening the F.A. rules. Perhaps Bastia would have done better with a unqualified coach?

● Michel Platini (right) generally agreed to be the



best player in France at the moment, has been linked with several Italian clubs, but his St Etienne contract keeps him there until next June. Writing in the French paper *Republicain Est* Platini said: "I will stay in

France until after the World Cup. Then I will join the club that offers me most money. Football is a short career, and I must make the most of it."

● Chilean international Rogelio Farias has failed in his sixth attempt to secure his release from jail. Farias was imprisoned six months ago after running-over and killing a pedestrian while driving under the influence of drink.

● Atlético Madrid's new administrators have discovered that the Spanish club has debts totalling £3,845,000. So their first move has been to increase their prices...

● The Spanish government has agreed to slap a 50c surcharge on every line in the state-run pools in a bid to raise cash to finance the 1982 World Cup Finals. They estimate that the surcharge should bring in £11,750,000 in the next two seasons.

● The recent friendly between Spanish clubs Zaragoza and Espanol was held up for eight minutes when the managers, trainers and substitutes on the rival benches started a monumental brawl. The referee finally sent them all to cool off in the dressing rooms.

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FAVOURITE OTHER TEAM: Ipswich
FOOTBALL HERO OF CHILDHOOD: Gordon Banks
FAVOURITE OTHER SPORTS:

Tennis and swimming
MOST DIFFICULT OPPONENT: Kenny Dalglish
MOST MEMORABLE MATCH: Beating Liverpool 1-0 in the 1979 F.A. Cup Semi-Final replay
BIGGEST DISAPPOINTMENT: Losing to Arsenal in the Final
FRIENDLIEST AWAY FANS: Liverpool
FAVOURITE FOOD & DRINK: Any food and a glass of wine
MISCELLANEOUS LIKES AND DISLIKES: Sunbathing and the African countryside/Smoking and crowd misbehaviour
FAVOURITE HOLIDAY RESORT: Cape Town, South Africa
FAVOURITE TV STAR, MALE AND

FEMALE: None in particular
FAVOURITE ACTIVITY ON DAY OFF: Studying at Polytechnic
FAVOURITE SINGERS: Rock groups such as Jethro Tull
AFTER-MATCH ROUTINE: Relax, go out for a meal
BEST FRIEND: I've many good friends
BIGGEST INFLUENCE ON CAREER: My dad Roy, the ex-Ipswich and Palace goalkeeper
INTERNATIONAL HONOURS: England Under-21 caps
PERSONAL AMBITION: To finish my degree and be happy
IF NOT A PLAYER, WHAT JOB WOULD YOU DO? Civil engineer

Gary Bailey



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HANDY START FOR EOIN'S EIRE

A GREAT start for Eoin Hand in his first competitive game since being confirmed as manager of the Republic of Ireland. Coming from behind they beat Holland 2-1 in Dublin to make it four points from two World Cup qualifying ties.

ABOVE . . . Captain Liam Brady was the star of the night, involved in everything. Here he takes on Simon Tahamata.

RIGHT . . . Ipswich's Frans Thijssen comes away from Gerry Daly in this midfield tussle.

BELOW . . . Frank Stapleton goes close as the Republic pile on the pressure.



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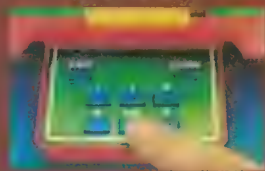
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THEY are very proud of their four full internationals at Second Division Luton Town, but angry with the Scottish national manager Jock Stein.

The former Celtic supremo has not paid a visit yet to Kenilworth Road to see the goalkeeper all Bedfordshire believes is the best available to Scotland.

Despite an almost faultless season in the cauldron they call the Second Division promotion race, despite rave notices all over the country, despite the advice of the Luton Town manager David Pleat, and despite the unpredictable displays of the men he has chosen to play between the sticks, Jake Findlay has hardly had an opportunity to impress his national manager.

Even big Jake himself finds it frustrating: "I don't want to sound big-headed, but I think I am playing as well as anyone else he's got

I never seem to get the chance to show him."

Observers of Luton's early season's performances at West Ham and at home to Watford would wholeheartedly agree. A string of breath-taking saves earned The Hatters two points at Upton Park when West Ham turned on the pressure in a pulsating first-half.

And three days later Watford found it impossible to beat Findlay when they threw in everything they had got for an equaliser dur-

ing the second-half of their 1-0 defeat.

Luton players all paid tribute to Jake's displays. Said the team's Welsh international captain Paul Price: "He is paid for that, but, yes he is a terrific goalkeeper." Yugoslavian international Raddi Antic rates Findlay as "terrific, very, very safe," and Eire international Tony Grealish called him "brilliant".

Manager David Pleat is almost beyond consolation: "I think Findlay is the best goalkeeper Scotland



David Pleat.

'Findlay for Scotland'

demand Luton Town



me. They advised me on technique in training, working on getting things right, and not just the normal pressure work for goalkeepers."

Earlier in his career Jake was one of the victorious Aston Villa FA Youth Cup team of 1972; a team that included John Gidman and both Alan and Brian Little. The Blairgowrie-born goalkeeper made 18 first team appearances at Villa Park before David Pleat paid £100,000 for him in November, 1978.

Now 26, married to Sandra, and happily settled with the skilful and ambitious squad at Kenilworth Road, Jake is aiming to continually improve on his game and make himself irresistible to Jock Stein.

"I am honest about my game, I know when I have made a mistake and when I have played badly. I try to learn from these things all the time. I never lie about my errors and that helps me. It is important."

David Pleat calls upon Findlay's ability to read the game in his own estimation of the player's strengths. He said: "He is like a sweeper for us in a way because he has to be ready to come out and clear. But I think his biggest asset is his strength on taking crosses. He is very positive. He goes right in for it and he is strong enough to do that."

As Luton go pounding on in their efforts to play their way back to the First Division the fans are saving up another special celebration: for the day Jock Stein turns up to see the goalkeeper they reckon should be playing for Scotland.

have got," he said. "But it doesn't seem to interest Jock Stein too much. Findlay is one of several international and potential top class players we have here."

Though Findlay's exciting shot-saving earned him the headlines and a couple of 'world-class' tags, it is not the department of his game that he thinks is his strongest.

"No," he said. "I like to think that my best saves are the ones when I have to come off my line, when I have to read the game in front of me and to rush out to save at someone's feet. Sometimes they don't look so good, but they are often the most important and the ones I enjoy."

As to his chances of taking over the Scottish international goalkeeper's jersey, the big, affable man remains hopeful.

"I think there are three or four other good Scottish 'keepers around. George Wood (Arsenal) for one, or Jimmy Blyth (Coventry). They are both capable number ones. But I deserve a chance. I have gone from strength to strength. I have improved a lot."

"I owe much to David Pleat and the former assistant-manager Ken Gutteridge who have encouraged

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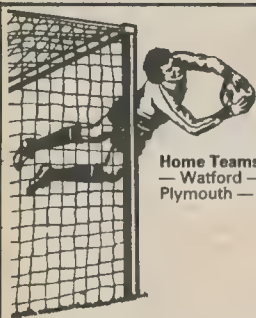
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'SCOTLAND BEWARE'

DIDN'T we do well! I hope Bruce Forsyth will forgive me if I adapt his words to describe Scotland's World Cup performance in Sweden.

The 1-0 victory in Stockholm was a result to give a whole nation hope that Scotland will qualify for her third successive World Cup Finals and hopefully give yours truly the chance to play in a World Cup campaign from start to finish for the first time.

For the facts are that although I played in the West German Finals in 1974, it wasn't until the qualifying was well under way that I became an international regular, teaming up with Sandy Jardine.

And of course that nightmare ankle injury ruled me out of the 1978 Finals in Argentina under Ally MacLeod.

Tartan Talk

DANNY McGRAIN



So this time, Jock Stein and good luck willing, I can see Scotland's efforts all the way through to Spain in 1982 after that great start.

But before I say any more, allow me to introduce a caution into this edition of Tartan Talk.

Scotland did well in Sweden, with the players obeying Jock Stein's instructions all the way. Some didn't play to potential, but everyone did what they were told and that is far better than having three or four men having great games and still losing.

Scotland's football public have long admired Continental sides who have played this way... so we must be right.

BUT PLEASE, LET'S NOT GO OVERBOARD.

Just remember how we all got carried away before Argentina and then remember what happened in South America.

OK, Sweden will be hard pushed to qualify now, and it does look as if Scotland, Northern Ireland and Portugal are fighting it out for two

places in Spain... but who knows?

The pressure is on us now — more enjoyable pressure than if we were a losing team admittedly — but a huge crowd at Hampden will be looking for a Stockholm repeat when we take on Portugal on October 15. They must be patient.

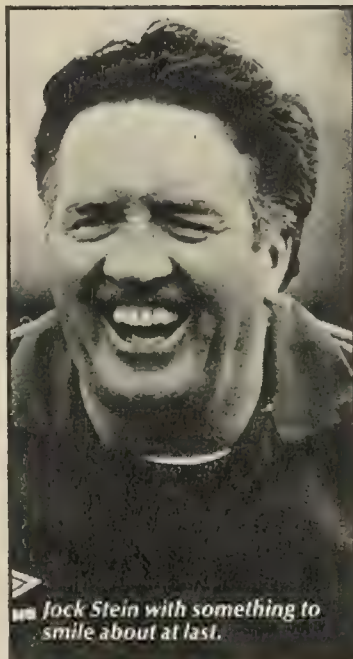
There is no way we will give them 100mph soccer. Scotland mustn't get carried away, and a 1-0 win will be a good win.

The fans can rest assured that we will be working flat out for the country just as we did in Sweden.

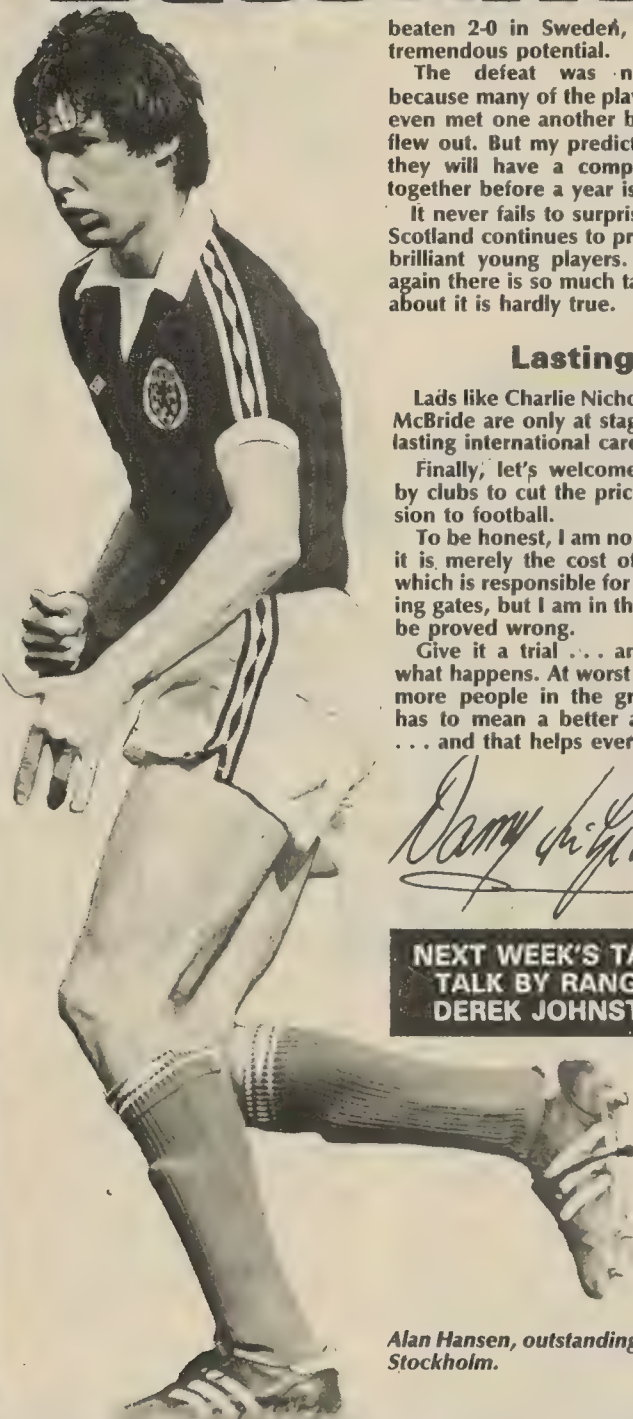
I think extra thanks are due to Alex McLeish and Alan Hansen, who had terrific games in Sweden, and Andy Gray, too. The Wolves man was hard and brave and put their defence under all sorts of pressure although he failed to score himself.

Every member of that Swedish defence was well aware at the end of the game that they had been on the same pitch as Andy Gray!

And while we are on the subject of international football, I'm sure no one will grudge a mention of our Under-21 team, who although



Jock Stein with something to smile about at last.



beaten 2-0 in Sweden, still show tremendous potential.

The defeat was no disaster because many of the players hadn't even met one another before they flew out. But my prediction is that they will have a competent side together before a year is out.

It never fails to surprise me how Scotland continues to provide such brilliant young players. And once again there is so much talent going about it is hardly true.

Lasting

Lads like Charlie Nicholas and Joe McBride are only at stage one of a lasting international career.

Finally, let's welcome the move by clubs to cut the price of admission to football.

To be honest, I am not convinced it is merely the cost of getting in which is responsible for the dwindling gates, but I am in the market to be proved wrong.

Give it a trial... and let's see what happens. At worst if there are more people in the grounds that has to mean a better atmosphere... and that helps everybody.

Danny McGrain

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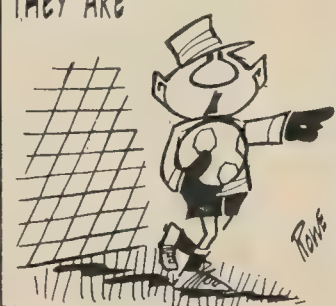
Alan Hansen, outstanding in Stockholm.

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SIX DOWN ISN'T A TRUE REFLECTION OF THE PLAY



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What now,

THE REVIE LESSON CLARKE NEVER FORGOT

IT seems fitting that Allan Clarke, Leeds United's fifth manager in just over six years, should be called in to try to make the once-great club a power in the land again.

For the ex-England star was Don Revie's first major signing after the then Leeds boss began recruiting top-class players as distinct from rearing them cheaply at his famous Elland Road nursery.

And Clarke takes after Revie in one key respect — he hates to lose. That quality will stand the new Leeds boss in good stead as he seeks to instil ambition, skill and fire into his men.

It is generally agreed that the decline of the Elland Road club dated from Revie's departure to take over the England team in the summer of 1974.

Moreover, none of his successors has been able to erase the Revie complex. The family spirit built up by the man who breathed life into a Second Division outfit apparently destined to sink into obscurity in the early 60's has never been replaced.

Managers have come and gone — some of their own accord, others rather less willingly — as the board tried in vain to restore the club's fortunes. Not one has added to the many trophies won by Revie's famous team. The closest they have come to glory since he left, them only weeks after

steering them to their second League Championship was as European Cup runners-up.

Now Clarke, the 34-year-old former England, Walsall, Fulham, Leicester City and Leeds striker, has been wooed from Third Division Barnsley to see if he can put his old club back on the right track.

Yet despite his intense admiration for Revie, who made him the then costliest Leeds signing when he paid Leicester £160,000 for him in 1969, Midlands-born Clarke insists that he has never made any attempt to copy his ex-boss.

'Spirit'

"I'm my own man," he told SHOOT. "I have my own ideas, my own methods, although I must say one lesson Don Revie taught me, which I have put into practise in my two years at Barnsley, is that it is important to build up a family spirit at a club.

"Tea-ladies, office staff, laundry-women, programme sellers, groundsmen, apprentices — all are as important to the club as manager, players and directors."

So the first thing Clarke will do at Elland Road, scene of many of his triumphs during his nine years there, is foster team spirit "from top to bottom in the club."

He starts with the built-in advantage of already being a favourite with the fans, who were shocked



Allan Clarke parades the F.A. Cup after his winner in the 1972 Final,

when he left to become player-manager of Fourth Division Barnsley just over two years ago when Jimmy Armfield was Leeds boss.

Clarke recalls: "At the time I still rated myself as one of the most dangerous strikers in the First Division, I'd fully recovered from knee trouble and I knew I could carry on doing what I was always good at — knocking in goals.

"But Barnsley offered me the chance to get on the managerial ladder and as it was my ambition to stay in the game after I retired I took it."

He did well, too, steering the Oakwell outfit into the Third Division at the first attempt and sparking off a revival of interest in the

South Yorkshire town. Last season he quit as a player to devote himself to full-time management.

Now that he has achieved his long-time ambition of taking over a First Division club — albeit a struggling one — Clarke knows that his character will get its biggest test. The pressures will be intense from a board and supporters who are desperate to lose their recent label of "also-rans".

But he insists that he thrives on pressure. He's as unflappable now as he ever was when every team Leeds met wanted to knock Revie's highly-respected outfit off their pedestal.

Leeds?

"Nothing worried me in my playing days and nothing has changed since," says the supremely self-confident Clarke. "I'm a born winner, that's my driving force," he adds with a cold smile that bodes ill for countless young men who find this ambitious young man finds his First Division feet.

Someone who is bound to be of invaluable assistance as the newcomer organises his resources is Maurice Lindley, the one constant factor at Elland Road during the past two decades.

Lindley, who became caretaker-manager for the fifth time in six years when Jimmy Adamson resigned on September 8, arrived at the club as chief scout soon after Don Revie began transforming Leeds from a team of nonentities into one of the most respected outfits in Europe.

His main role during the glorious years when Leeds were a force to be feared was helping the then chief coach Syd Own, the former England and Luton centre-half, to compile those famous dossiers which spelt the downfall of most of the Elland Roaders' foes.



Maurice Lindley

The first thing Lindley will tell Clarke is that Leeds still need a midfield player "who can dominate the game like Tony Currie used to do for us."

Yorkshireman Lindley, now in his early 60's, has travelled over a million miles in the service of Leeds, scouting for new talent and spying on the opposition. After 17 years with Everton — interrupted by the Second World War — the tall centre-half played his last League game in 1953.

Tall, genial, happiest when he's talking about football and looking back at the great players he helped to become big names at Elland Road — Bremner, Giles, Hunter, McQueen, Cooper, Harvey, the Gray brothers, Lorimer, and Clarke himself; to list just a few — Lindley thinks that Clarke will help to provide the stability which has been missing at Leeds since Revie left.

And Clarke has wasted no time at Elland Road. Already he has sacked five of the former back-room staff and appointed Martin Wilkinson as his assistant and Brian Murphy as coach. Both men followed him from Barnsley.

THE constant comings and goings at Elland Road since Don Revie quit in the summer of '74 have made Leeds United one of the most pitiful sights in football.

The board's quest for success has time and again made the headlines as managers have moved on without finding the desired formula to put the club back on the same level as the Liverpool and Manchester Uniteds of this world.

Successive managers fought a losing battle as the fans hungered for a return to the heady days when Revie reigned supreme.

Appointed in the final weeks of

in 1968 and 1971, the League Cup in 1968 and the F.A. Cup in the Centenary Final in 1972, when Allan Clarke headed the solitary goal.

Since then... nothing. And their record of managerial appointments and departures has made the club something of a joke. Here's how it happened:

Brian Clough was jettisoned only 44 days after succeeding Revie when some of the former manager's players began showing signs of resentment at the newcomer's methods.

This show of player power led to the appointment of the quiet, articulate ex-England captain Jimmy Armfield, then managing Bolton Wanderers.

But despite four years of intensive if uninspired leadership, this most likeable of men was unable to change the club's fortunes and he was paid off in the summer of 1978.

Ron Saunders, Lawrie McMenemy and Don Howe, Arm-

field's former number two who left him to join Terry Neill at Highbury, all turned down the Leeds board's overtures. Then the former Glasgow Celtic legend, Jock Stein, was persuaded to fill the apparently unwanted managerial seat once occupied by his great friend, Don Revie.

Sadly for Leeds, Stein stayed with them only a few weeks before returning home to his beloved Scotland to manage the national team.

Unhappy Leeds were again leaderless. Eventually their search ended when Sunderland's Jimmy Adamson agreed to take on what apparently many potential managers feared would be a millstone, even though the pay was £20,000 plus a year.

Fame

Adamson, a dour, honest George whose big claim to fame was the fact that he was "Footballer of The Year" in 1961-62, made a bright start to his Elland Road career. The team lost only one of the first 18 games under his guidance.

But eventually his relationship with the success-starved Leeds fans soured and towards the end of last season and the start of this — when his struggling team lost six of their opening seven games, including both League Cup-ties against Aston Villa — demonstrations by the anti-Adamson brigade followed almost every home fixture. His resignation on September 8 seemed almost inevitable.

DESTROYED BY FANS

the 1960-61 season, Revie transformed Leeds. They were promoted from the Second Division in 1964, when their home-spun team battled tigerishly for match after match, relying as much on enthusiasm and spirit as on skill.

In their first ten years in the top flight, Leeds never finished outside the top four. They clinched their first League Championship in 1969 and again in 1974 — the year Revie joined England — and were runners-up five times.

They also collected the Fairs Cup



Those who tried and failed. Brian Clough (above left), Jock Stein (right), Jimmy Armfield (left) and Jimmy Adamson (above) all failed to emulate Don Revie's outstanding success at Elland Road.



TAKE A BREAK—IT'S

Quiz Time

PAST STARS...

1. Third Division Portsmouth have had ten managers since the last War. Jack Tinn, Bob Jackson, Eddie Lever, Freddie Cox, George Smith, John Mortimore, Ron Tindall, Ian St. John and Frank Burrows are nine... can you name the other?

2. Ron and Peter Springett were goalkeeping brothers. Which one played for England on 33 occasions?

3. A prolific goalscorer, he still holds the Sheffield Wednesday record of 46 League goals in the Second Division in 1951-52. Can you identify him?

4. Did Sir Matt Busby, former manager of Manchester United, gain one, two or three full caps for Scotland while playing for Manchester City?



Peter Springett. See "Past Stars".

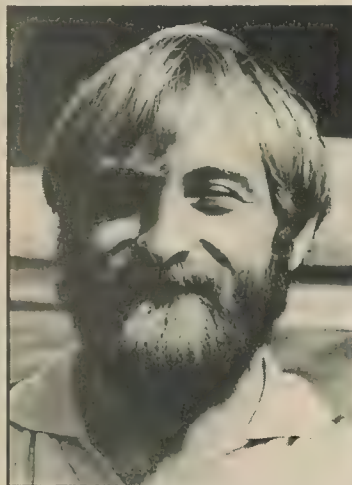
...AND PRESENT

1. Can you name Sheffield United's Bob Hatton's seven previous League clubs?

2. Coventry City's Roger Van Gool (below) is a full international for which country?

3. Graham Baker has been playing for which First Division club this season?

4. John Stalker scored a hat-trick for which Fourth Division club against Wigan Athletic on Saturday, September 13th?



Roger Van Gool.

EURO CUPS

British sides were involved in the three European Cup competitions First Round, first-leg games recently. Can you answer the following questions about the ties?

1. Liverpool played the first game against Oulu at Anfield or in Finland?

2. European Cup holders Nottingham Forest travelled to Bulgaria and played which club?

3. Did Third Division Newport County play Crusaders in the Cup-Winners' Cup or the U.E.F.A. Cup?

4. Who scored Ipswich Town's goals in their 5-1 U.E.F.A. Cup win against Aris Salonika of Greece at Portman Road?



Celtic (hoops) and Rangers clash in the Scottish Premier Division. See "True or False".

TRUE OR FALSE?

Division home games at Sincil Bank.

1. Celtic were the first winners of the Scottish Premier Division Championship when they finished above Rangers in 1975-76.

3. Leicester City's Alan Young has been playing in a midfield role this season.

2. Lincoln City play their Fourth

4. The penalty-spot is ten yards from the goal.

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TRACE-A-TEAM

The names of 11 past or present Tottenham Hotspur players are spelt out in this frame in straight lines, either horizontally, vertically or diagonally and forwards or backwards. See how many you can spot.

ANSWERS:

PAST: 1. Jimmy Dickinson, 2. Ron Galt, 3. Derek Dooley, 4. One. PRESENT: 1. Wolves, Bolton. Northampton. Carlisle, Birmingham, Blackpool and Luton. goal. SOUTHAMPTON, 4. Darlington. EURO CUPS: 1. Finland, 2. CSKA Sofia, 3. Cup-Winners' Cup, 4. John Hoddle, Villa, Jones, Taylor. TRAC-A-TEAM: Daines, McAllister, Holmes, Lacy, Ferryman, Pratt. Armstrong. TRUE OR FALSE: 1. False — Rangers were the first winners. 2. True, 3. False — he has been playing as a striker. 4. False — it is 12 yards from goal.

ON THE BALL ANSWERS

ACROSS:—

(1) Ass. (3) Gillard. (5) Paul Mariner. (7) Pass. (8) Ache. (9) Nil. (13) Tie. (14) Phil. (15) Deep. (18) The Canaries. (19) Reading. (20) Exe.

DOWN:—

(1) Aplomb. (2) Shamrock. (3) Gout. (4) Daniel. (5) Poskett. (6) Rangers. (7) Pit. (10) Lap. (11) Appear. (12) Vicarage. (16) Famine. (17) Gigg.

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Tommy Smith was a hard, uncompromising defender in his many years with Liverpool, but away from the game he is a completely different character.

The REAL Tommy Smith

THERE is more to Tommy Smith than the popular public image of a hard and ruthless player on the pitch and an outspoken man off it.

Reputation paints only half a picture of the former Liverpool skipper who last month severed his remaining ties with football when he left the Anfield coaching staff.

He is to concentrate his efforts on business interests in the licensed and catering trades.

Smith and his business partner have run clubs in Liverpool's city centre for several years. Now they are looking to expand.

But even as Tommy said his goodbyes to the game that made his name and fortune, controversy was at the door.

Newspaper stories and reviews of his new book "I did it the hard way," all picked up on the chapter devoted to a personal attack on his former Liverpool team-mate Emlyn Hughes.

Smith was widely criticised for publishing his views, but typically he remains unrepentant.

"Everyone in football knows I dislike Emlyn and if I had not included something about him in my book they'd have thought I was a hypocrite," he says.

"I have disliked him for a long time. It has all sort of accumulated, but I felt it needed saying. My



feelings about Emlyn are part of my life."

Just as the rest of Smith's book was largely ignored in media coverage, so the other side of the man's character has rarely been brought to the public's notice.

On the field this uncompromising, finger-pointing, John Wayne character was also a brilliant organiser and motivator.

His ability to read a game and be

in the right place at the right time with bewildering regularity kept him at the top with Liverpool when the slowing of the legs would have found others out.

Away from football, Smith's priority in life is shared with countless others — his duty as a family man to his wife and two children.

For the sake of privacy he built a nine foot wall around his house. The council ordered it to be demolished because planning permission had not been granted — so Tommy erected a nine foot fence!

Pursued

Inside, the rooms show a mark of a man of classical good taste. Indeed, Smith, who from an early age pursued an interest in design drawing and architecture, designed and planned the interior of his previous home.

In essence, Tommy Smith is a genuine, open man who deplores deceitfulness, particularly in football.

He speaks his mind to let the world know what he likes and dislikes; not because he is a loud-mouth but because he sees no reason to hide his feelings or tell lies.

Tommy played it the hard way — but he also played it straight.

Crooks aims to steal the show at Stoke

STOKE City's popular former striker Garth Crooks returns to the Victoria Ground on Saturday (October 4) admitting: "I'm out to show a few folk what I'm really capable of."

Crooks left Stoke in a £600,000 deal just before the start of the season, and his move to Tottenham has been a resounding success. He will go back to Stoke at the weekend determined to show some of the City fans that he's a better player than they might have given him credit for.

Crooks says: "I'd love to score a goal against Stoke, especially the winning one. I'm really looking forward to this game because I'm sure I can surprise a few of the locals."

'Deserved'

"When you're a local lad, people tend to think you're not as good as you might be. Don't get me wrong; I'm no world beater. But I do feel I did quite a good job at Stoke yet didn't really get the credit I deserved."

"Only a small section of the fans thought I was capable of being a very good player and I'm sure that was because I was a local lad."

Crooks has forged a thrilling striking partnership with Scot Steve Archibald, making Tottenham a powerful attacking force. They should start favourites against a Stoke side which has struggled at the start of this season.

Crooks says: "It will probably be a long season for Stoke. They have had a shaky start and it's a possibility that they will go down. True, several other teams could go down, too, but I do wonder whether Stoke have the quality players and strength in depth in

their squad.

"Stoke attacked Tottenham in the corresponding game last year and won 3-1 after getting the breaks. I remember, because I scored a couple of goals. But I reckon Stoke will be foolish to try and do that again; their best chance is probably to keep it tight and try to score against us on the break. If it's an open game, you

must back our attacking abilities."

Happy go lucky Crooks is certain of one thing — he will enjoy his day back at Stoke.

"Nerves? No chance. I'm really looking forward to it. I'll enjoy it win or lose. I might even spend the weekend up there, but that probably depends upon the result."

"It will be really nice to play in front of the Stoke people so soon

after my transfer. It will be interesting to see what sort of reception I get. I expect it to be mixed feelings on their part."

"I have no conflict of loyalties on the field. I'm a Spurs man now, through and through, and I have only one regret about the move — I didn't make it 12 months earlier. That is the sort of club Spurs are and although I always felt it would be good, it has been much more than I anticipated."



Garth Crooks started well for Tottenham this season, but this effort against Manchester United went just wide.

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THE BATTLE TO REVIVE CHELSEA

THAT Chelsea's hooligan following should merit more space in newspapers than the Second Division club's performances on the pitch is indicative of the faltering start the London club made to the 1980-81 campaign.

Only one victory in their first nine matches is hardly encouraging after Chelsea fans were encouraged to look forward optimistically to this season by results in 1979-80.

Chelsea all but clinched promotion to the First Division. Defeat for Sunderland at Roker Park on May 12 when F.A. Cup winners West Ham were the visitors would have cost them First Division status and given Geoff Hurst a rousing finale to his first season in League management at Stamford Bridge.

It was not to be as Sunderland scaled the final hurdle to win

promotion with Leicester City and Birmingham City.

Poor Chelsea finished with the same points total (53) as third placed Birmingham but missed out on goal difference.

The sad end to the 1979-80 could have been a blessing in disguise for the club from London SW6, who are playing their second season in the Second Division.

Their unhappy start to this season suggests they would have struggled to survive with the elite, fighting against the threat of relegation and probably landing in the Second Division again in 1981-82.

This season was never destined to be a bed of roses for Chelsea. Tommy Langley started the new season hoping to play anywhere other than Stamford Bridge.

His ambitions were granted when Tommy Docherty splashed

out almost £500,000 to take the 22-year-old striker to Queens Park Rangers.

"The time was right for a move," says Langley.

He became dispirited with Chelsea's progress, although he admits to supporting the club's management pairing of Geoff Hurst and Bobby Gould.

Another crucial factor was the departure of Ron Harris to Brentford as player-coach. 'Chopper' Harris was the driving force behind so many of Chelsea's match-winning performances under the new management of Hurst last season and there are many on the terraces at Stamford Bridge who mourn his passing from the scene.

Mickey Droy, for so long the backbone of the defence, also went on the transfer list as Hurst juggled with the team and a shortage of funds to recapture the spirited performances of last season.

Ashes

Droy seems destined to stay at pivot and, hopefully, Chelsea can rise from the ashes of a disastrous start which saw an early exit from the League Cup at the hands of Cardiff.

Sadly, Geoff Hurst, working with limited resources but an abundance of experience and drive, has had to spend many hours pondering over Chelsea's hooligan following when his time would be better served building a promotion winning team.

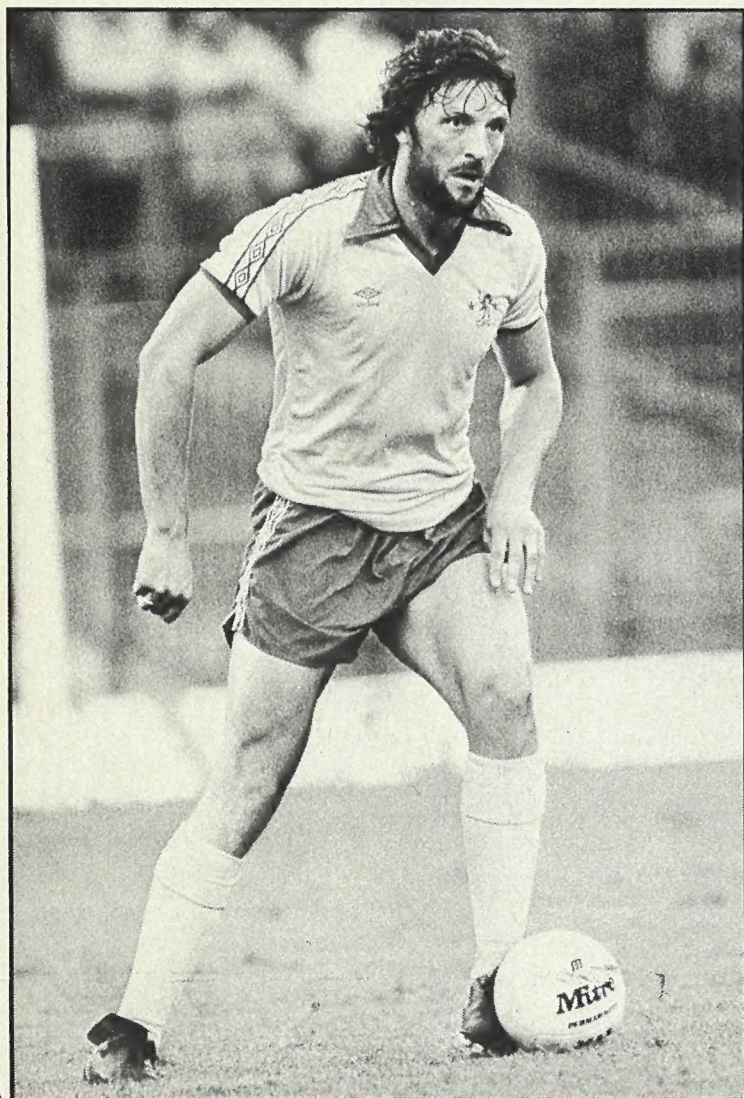
He had no option. The behaviour of a section of Chelsea's fans at Cambridge on September 13 resulted in the host club threatening to play next season's League fixture against the London club behind closed doors.

Brian Mears, Chelsea's chairman, also condemned the small group of louts who give the club such an unenviable reputation wherever they spread their violences.

Geoff Hurst said: "Hooliganism is killing the game."



Geoff Hurst hopes to lead the club back to the First Division.



Mickey Droy, a vital part of Chelsea's back-four.

He has given his blessing to a campaign by a national newspaper to ban supporters of clubs with a notorious following from attending away matches.

"This is a positive move worth trying," says Hurst. "Some of the things that have happened at our away games have embarrassed me and everybody else connected with the club."

Chelsea's young side have struggled at home this season, a factor Hurst puts down to inexperience.

After Chelsea's drawn match with Preston at Stamford Bridge, Hurst praised the performance of his substitute Peter Rhoades-Brown in this way: "Only Peter seemed to have any idea. The lad is only 19." The other 11 players did not merit a mention.

Chelsea's inexperience, despite the presence of old campaigners like Dennis Rofe, Mickey Droy, Ian Britton and Clive Walker, is a problem only time can remedy for a club with little money to spend on new recruits.

Unfortunately, managers are not given much time in football.

CHELSEA



BACK ROW (left-to-right): Tommy Langley (now Q.P.R.), Gary Johnson, Colin Lee, Gary Chivers, Peter Rhoades-Brown.

MIDDLE ROW: Geoff Hurst (manager), Dennis Rofe, John Sparrow, Colin Pates, Petar Borota, Bob Iles, Micky Nutton, Gary Locke, Mike Fillery, Bobby Gould (assistant-manager).

FRONT ROW: Ian Britton, Colin Viljoen, Clive Walker, John Burnstead, Kevin Hales.

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